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Grim data on youth mental health

In Southington student survey, 18% depressed or sad 'most of the time'

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Despite positive trends in several other areas, a February survey of more than 1,200 Southington middle-school and high-school students showed troubling levels of self-reported depression and suicidal thoughts, a community organization reported.

Nearly one out of every four of the students surveyed reported feeling sad or depressed in the previous month, with 18% saying they felt that way most of the time, Southington's substance abuse coalition said.

And among Southington High School juniors, 17% said they had tried suicide at some point.

"This is what the kids are sharing with us about how they feel," Deputy Police Chief William Palmieri told the school board in a recent report.

There have been no teen suicides in Southington since the start of 2019, Palmieri said.

"I'm happy to report we had no youths take their lives. We had 10 incidents of youths attempting to kill themselves," said Palmieri, vice president of the board of the Southington's Townwide Effort to Promote Success.

In 2019 there were suicide attempts by an 11-year-old and a 17-year-old; in 2020 by a 14-year-old and a 15-year-old; and in 2021 by four teenagers, two who were 16, one who was 15 and one who was 17. So far in 2022, one 16-year-old has attempted suicide, police reported.

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17%

Percentage of Southington High School juniors who said they had tried suicide at some point, according to a survey of more than 1,200 middle-school and high-school students. No teens have committed suicide in the town since the start of 2019, Deputy Police Chief William Palmieri said.

A group of Saint Francis Hospital staff applauds a speaker during an event outside the hospital Friday that remembered more than 3,000 COVID-19 patients treated at the hospital during the pandemic. **MICHAEL MCANDREWS PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Honoring suffering and sacrifice

At a ceremony at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford on Friday, staff and officials gathered to remember the more than 3,000 COVID patients who had been treated at the hospital and honor the professionals who cared for the sick.

The event, held during National Hospital Week, took place amid a field of white flags that runs along Woodland Street outside Saint Francis, planted as a visual reminder of the suffering the pandemic brought and the sacrifice and dedication with which health care workers responded.

During the event officials also thanked the group "Sewing Face Masks – Farmington Valley, CT," which sewed 50,000 cloth face masks in the early days of the pandemic when masks and other PPE were scarce and distributed them to Saint Francis and other organizations. The group donated a quilt to the hospital in gratitude for the care provided to the community.

LEFT: Saint Francis Hospital Executive Director of Mission Integration Jerry Galipeau, left, and hospital President Thomas Burke walk between fields of flags representing the COVID-19 patients the hospital cared for during the pandemic.

Charity 5K event 'a living prayer'

Race aids Bailey's Garden Foundation, honors a daughter lost too soon

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

Jim Shifrin has been through a lot in his life.

In 2004, he and his wife Mary-Grace lost their daughter Bailey, who had Trisomy 18, at age 6. In 2017, Jim had a bicycle accident that left him paralyzed from the neck down.

Shifrin's faith and his commitment to his daughter's legacy, Bailey's Garden playground in Lebanon, a handicapped-accessible playground, and subsequently, Bailey's Garden Foundation, kept him focused throughout.

"He'll call it a living prayer,"

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An unexploded rocket is partly buried Friday in the village of Lysychansk in eastern Ukraine's Luhansk region. **LEO CORREA/AP**

Officials: Russia suffers loss

Bridge attack takes out troops, armor, Kyiv says

By Oleksandr Stashevskyi and David Keyton
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian forces suffered heavy losses in a Ukrainian attack that destroyed a pontoon bridge they were using to try to cross a river in the east, Ukrainian and British officials said in another sign of Moscow's struggle to salvage a war gone awry.

Ukrainian authorities, meanwhile, opened the first war crimes trial of the conflict Friday. The defendant, a captured Russian soldier, stands accused of shooting to death a 62-year-old civilian in the early days of the war.

The trial got underway as Russia's offensive in the Donbas, Ukraine's eastern industrial heartland, seemed to turn increasingly into a grinding war of attrition.

Ukraine's airborne command released photos and video of what it said was a damaged Russian pontoon bridge over the Siversky Donets River and several destroyed or damaged Russian military vehicles nearby. The command said its troops "drowned the Russian

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WETHERSFIELD

Police morale back on upswing

Command staff being rebuilt after years of simmering animosity

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

After a couple of difficult years, the Wethersfield Police Department is rebuilding its command staff while morale appears to be on the upswing.

The town council appears confident that fractured relations with the police administration are a thing of the past, and this week authorized three new jobs — a second senior commander along with two officers to beef up the patrol ranks.

Even though there are lingering lawsuits from the past two years of upheaval and animosity within the department, newly hired Chief Rafael Medina has started a campaign to improve training, build officers' trust in supervisors and reform the discipline process to be more even-handed.

"We've got the utmost confidence in Chief Medina. The police department is going in a great direction," Mayor Michael Rell said Friday.

"It's like a breath of fresh air," said Officer Richard Holton, president of the police union.

Before the town recruited Medina in November, its police force spent more than a year and a half with an escalating leadership crisis.

A recent survey of officers and civilian police employees showed morale had deteriorated under the previous administration, with widespread beliefs that special

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West Hartford Starbucks baristas to vote on unionizing

Baristas at a West Hartford Starbucks will soon begin voting on whether to be represented by a union, joining co-workers in scores of other stores in the coffee shop chain taking the first step to negotiate wages and other conditions of employment. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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Ukraine

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occupiers."

Britain's Defense Ministry said Russia lost "significant armored maneuver elements" of at least one battalion tactical group in the attack earlier this week. A Russian battalion tactical group consists of about 1,000 troops.

"Conducting river crossings in a contested environment is a highly risky maneuver and speaks to the pressure the Russian commanders are under to make progress in their operations in eastern Ukraine," the ministry said in its daily intelligence update.

The battle for the Donbas has turned into a village-by-village, back-and-forth slog with no major breakthroughs on either side and little ground gained.

Fierce fighting has been taking place on the Siversky Donets River near the city of Severodonetsk, said Oleh Zhdanov, an independent Ukrainian military analyst. The Ukrainian military has launched counterattacks but has failed to halt Russia's advance, he said.

"The fate of a large portion of the Ukrainian army is being decided — there are about 40,000 Ukrainian soldiers," he said.

The Ukrainian military chief for the Luhansk region of the Donbas said Friday that Russian forces opened fire 31 times on residential areas the day before, destroying dozens of homes, notably in Hirske and Popasnianska villages, and a bridge in Rubizhne.

In the south, Ukrainian officials claimed another success in the Black Sea, saying their forces took out a Russian logistics ship that was trying to deliver an antiaircraft system. Though there was no confirmation from Russia, and no casualties were reported.

In the ruined southern port of Mariupol, Ukrainian fighters holed up in a steel plant faced continued Russian attacks on the last stronghold of resistance in the city.

Sviatoslav Palamar, deputy commander of Ukraine's Azov Regiment, said his troops will hold out "as long as they can" despite shortages of ammunition, food, water and medicine.

Justin Crump, a former British tank commander who is now a security consultant, said Moscow's losses have forced it to downsize its objectives in Ukraine. He said the Russians have had to use hastily patched-together units that haven't trained together.

"This is not going to be quick. So we're settled in for a summer of fighting at least. I think the Russian side is very clear that this is going to take a long time," he said.

In this handout photo provided by the Ukraine Armed Forces on Thursday, a ruined pontoon crossing with dozens of destroyed or damaged Russian armored vehicles on both banks of Siverskyi Donets River is seen after the bridges were blown up in eastern Ukraine. **UKRAINE ARMED FORCES VIA AP**

In the first war crime case brought to trial, Russian Sgt. Vadim Shyshimarin, 21, could get life in prison if convicted of shooting a Ukrainian man in the head through an open car window in a village in the northeastern Sumy region on Feb. 28, four days into the invasion.

Ukrainian Prosecutor General Iryna Venediktova said she is readying war crimes cases against 41 Russian soldiers for offenses including bombing civilian infrastructure, killing civilians, rape and looting. But it was not immediately clear how many of the suspects are in the custody of Ukrainian authorities and how many would be tried in absentia.

In a small Kyiv courtroom, scores of journalists witnessed the start of the wartime proceedings, which will be closely watched by international observers to make sure the trial is fair.

The defendant, dressed in a blue and gray hoodie and gray sweatpants, sat in a small glass cage during the proceedings, which lasted about 15 minutes and will resume Wednesday.

Shyshimarin was asked a series of questions, including whether he understood his rights and whether he wanted a jury trial. He declined the latter.

His Ukraine-assigned attorney, Victor Ovsyanikov, has acknowledged that the case against Shyshimarin is strong and has not indicated what the soldier's defense will be.

Shyshimarin, a member of a tank unit that was captured by Ukrainian forces, admitted that he shot the civilian in a video posted by the Security Service of Ukraine, saying he was ordered to do so.

Students

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"We could argue about the data, but there are 10 kids who need our help," Palmieri said.

STEPS surveyed about 1,200 students in grades seven, nine and 11 during school hours on Feb. 23, and got more than an 85 percent response rate. STEPS has been conducting similar surveys every two years for more than a decade, and Palmieri emphasized that the goal isn't to make anyone look bad.

"This survey is not an indictment of the way parents are raising their kids. The survey's intent is to get an understanding of how our youths feel," he said. "This is about generating conversations, bringing services to kids who need them. The whole purpose of this coalition is to listen and understand what our youth are going through."

The suicide data in town is disturbing but not out of line with national statistics. The National Institute of Mental Health lists suicide as the second most common cause of death for Americans ages 10 to 34 and notes that 534 children ages 10 to 14 killed themselves in 2019. Mental-health experts generally agreed that conditions have been made worse by the pandemic.

Connecticut is working to address the youth mental health crisis, including passing a series of bills that allocate millions of dollars for preventative services and treatment in schools, hospitals and the community.

"Knowing many students might have a tough time re-acclimating after the past two years, the district proactively took a few steps even prior to the STEPS survey. We have established a districtwide Behavioral Consult Team with membership consisting of district mental health staff and contracted clinical staff," schools Superintendent Steven Medancy said Thursday.

"This group's aim is to monitor at-risk indicators of our students including, but not limited to, chronic truancy and absenteeism, 211 calls, DCF referrals and patterns amongst building-level disciplinary offenses," Medancy said.

The group holds case conferences with each school's staff about any students with extremely complex or challenging problems so that it can provide additional support.

"Additionally, we continue to partner with Southington Youth Services as many of our students receive onsite school counseling provided by Youth Services staff," Medancy said.

"We have also relied heavily on districtwide software called Gaggle, which alerts the administration, even on nights and weekends, of students indicating intent around self-harm or suicide, violence toward others, nudity and sexual content and drug and alcohol use," he said. "This software has triggered alerts and home contact by administrators that we might not have otherwise caught."

Megan Albanese, the town's youth prevention coordinator, cited some upbeat findings from the survey: 84 percent of students said they have positive peer influences, and 79% reported being engaged with their school, up from just 38% two years ago.

"We felt that was amazing — a huge win," Albanese said.

But only 76 percent said they feel their families are supportive, compared to 80% in 2020. And just 36% reported having solid self-esteem, down from 45% two years ago, she said.

STEPS and the school system are introducing a prevention curriculum at the fifth-grade level, and Albanese called on everyone in Southington to help local children and youth. An adult praising a teenager who takes in a neighbor's trash cans can make a difference, she said.

"We're creating a safety net for our youth," she said, and recommended that parents set aside more time with their children, take and interest in their activities and talk about their feelings with them.

"Let's show our youth that this community values them. They're telling us they're hurting, they're telling us they're not feeling heard, they're telling us they're thinking about hurting themselves," Albanese said. "We hope that everybody can really take the information we're sharing and take it to heart."

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LOTTERY
Friday, May 13

PLAY3 DAY
4 9 7 **WB:** 2

PLAY4 DAY
6 9 7 3 **WB:** 3

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THURSDAY'S LATE NUMBERS
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PLAY4 NIGHT
1 0 1 8 **WB:** 7
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1 9 17 22 30
LUCKY FOR LIFE
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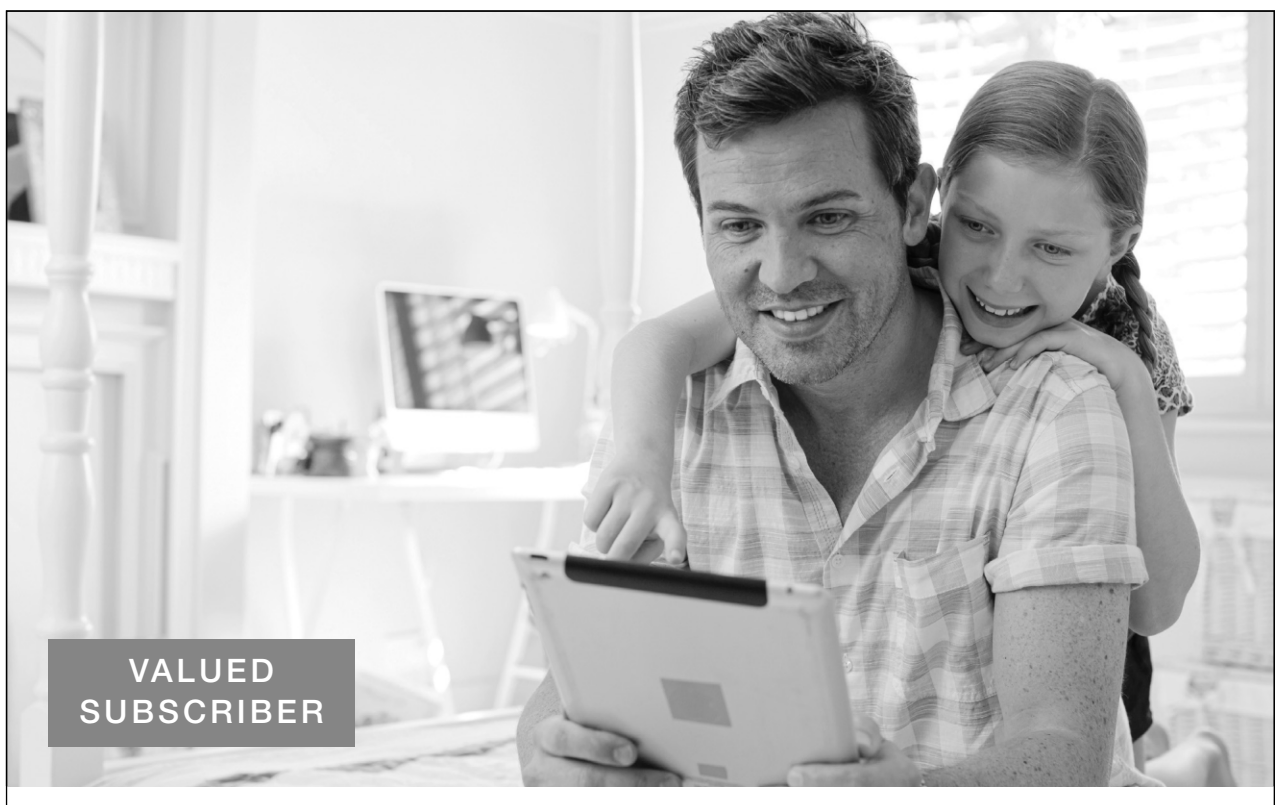

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ROBERT MCFARLANE 1937-2022

Top aide to Reagan pleaded guilty in Iran-Contra affair

By Ben Fox
Associated Press

Former national security adviser Robert McFarlane testifies before a panel investigating the Iran-Contra affair on Capitol Hill. McFarlane died Friday at 84. **LANA HARRIS/AP 1987**

WASHINGTON — Former White House national security adviser Robert McFarlane, a top aide to President Ronald Reagan who pleaded guilty to charges for his role in an illegal arms-for-hostages deal known as the Iran-Contra affair, has died. He was 84.

McFarlane, who lived in Washington, died Thursday from complications of a previous illness at a hospital in Michigan, where he was visiting family, according to a family statement.

"We wish to share our deep sadness at the loss of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, and note his profound impact on our lives," the family said in the statement. "Though recognized as a strategic political thinker, we remember him for his warmth, his wisdom, his deep belief in God, and his commitment to serving others."

McFarlane, a former Marine lieutenant colonel and Vietnam combat veteran, resigned his White House post in December 1985. He was later pressed into service by the administration as part of secret — and illegal — plan to sell arms to Iran in exchange for the freedom of Western hostages in the Middle East and pass the proceeds to the contra rebels in Nicaragua for their fight against the Marxist Sandinista government.

He played a major role in the affair, leading the secret delegation to Tehran, then as now a U.S. adversary, to open contact with so-called moderate Iranians who were thought to hold influence with kidnappers of American hostages. He brought with him a cake and a Bible signed by Reagan.

The scheme began to unfold after a cargo plane carrying a CIA-arranged shipment of arms was shot down in October 1986 by the Sandinistas in Nicaragua, setting off what eventually became one of the biggest modern political scandals.

He pleaded guilty in March 1988 to four misdemeanor counts of withholding information from Congress. His lawyer said he was being unfairly singled out because he, unlike other key figures in the affair, testified willingly before investigative panels. He also admitted his role.

"I did indeed withhold information from the Congress," he told reporters at the time. "I believe strongly that, throughout, my actions were motivated by what I believed to be in the foreign policy interest of the United States."

He was pardoned by President George H.W. Bush, along with five other figures from the scandal.

McFarlane, a career Marine, had risen to lieutenant colonel and to positions in the Nixon and Ford administrations. He served as national security special assistant to Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford during their presidencies.

During the Carter administration, he was on the Republican staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee. He returned to the executive branch with Reagan's election in 1980, serving as a State Department counselor until moving to the White House as national security adviser William Clark's deputy in January 1982. He was appointed to the top national security post in 1983.

McFarlane, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, was the son of a former Democratic congressman from Texas, William McFarlane, who served from 1932 to 1938. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, two daughters and a son.

The New York Times contributed.

'Big surprise': Bulgaria breaks with Russia

Relations between longtime allies sour amid Putin's actions

By Andrew Higgins and Boryana Dzhambazova
The New York Times

SHIPKA, Bulgaria — A week after Russia invaded Ukraine, Moscow's ambassador to Bulgaria climbed a mountain pass to honor czarist-era Russian soldiers who died there fighting for Bulgarian independence in the 19th century.

Present-day concerns, however, quickly eclipsed the effort to remind Bulgaria of the debt it owed Russia. That same day, Bulgaria expelled two of the ambassador's underlings for espionage and announced the arrest of a senior military officer on charges of spying for Russia.

In the weeks since, Bulgaria, a country that Moscow long counted as its most reliable friend in Europe, has joined fellow members of the European Union in imposing ever tougher economic sanctions on Russia, offered to repair broken military helicopters and tanks for Ukraine, and expelled yet more Russian diplomats.

"Traditionally, Russia has always had a big influence here, but we have been a big surprise to them," Prime Minister Kiril Petkov said last week in Sofia, the Bulgarian capital city.

The rapid souring of relations with Bulgaria, a poor but symbolically important country because of its historically close ties to Russia, underscores how far off-script the invasion of Ukraine ordered by President Vladimir Putin has veered.

Russia last month abruptly halted supplies of natural gas to Bulgaria by Gazprom, making its erstwhile Balkan ally the first country along with Poland targeted by Moscow's energy weapon.

At the same time, Petkov said, Moscow launched cyberattacks, assaulting the server of Bulgaria's state energy company and crippling pension payments by its postal service.

"They are trying to make an example of us," Petkov said, describing Russia's energy squeeze on his country as aimed at creating a situation in which "energy prices will go through the roof and our government will fall."

Whether Petkov's already fragile coalition government, formed after inconclusive elections in November, survives now depends to a large extent on its ability to patch together alternative sources of energy with help from the EU, which Bulgaria joined in 2007, and the United States. Petkov this week visited Washington, where Vice President Kamala Harris pledged U.S. "solidarity in the face of Russia's latest attempt to use energy as a weapon."

Assen Vassilev, Bulgaria's finance minister and deputy prime minister, insisted that Bulgaria was on its way to securing substitute supplies of gas from Azerbaijan and through deliveries by sea of liquefied natural gas to neighboring Greece for transport to Bulgaria.

Already clear from Russia's rift with Bulgaria is that its faltering progress on the battlefield in Ukraine has been accompanied by often self-inflicted setbacks on the diplomatic front.

Moscow has kept China onside and rallied support in Africa and parts of Latin America, but elsewhere it has displayed a striking capacity to lose friends and alienate people.

Russia's foreign minister, Sergey Lavrov, recently infuriated many people in Israel, a country that had mostly sat on the fence over the war in Ukraine, by claiming that Jews were "the biggest antisemites" and that Hitler had Jewish origins. Putin later apologized to Israel.

The Russian ambassador in Sofia, Eleonora Mitrofanova, later described Bulgaria as America's "bedpan," an insult her embassy later blamed on a faulty translation.

Bulgaria in March recalled its ambassador from Moscow in response to what it described as "undiplomatic, sharp, and rude" statements by Mitrofanova. It has let the Russian ambassador stay in Sofia but more of her diplomats will soon be ordered home.

Poland, while never a friend of Moscow like Bulgaria had been, has also been taken aback by Russia's disregard for public sentiment. Russia's embassy in Warsaw, a city awash with Ukrainian flags and abusive billboards targeting Putin, last week called on residents of the Polish capital to join Russian diplomats in "Victory Day" events on May 9 celebrating the 1945 defeat of Nazi Germany, a Russian holiday that Putin has turned into a festival of nationalist bombast.

On May 7, after a public outcry over what many in Poland saw as a crude effort to hijack memories of World War II, the embassy canceled its plans for joint public events with Poles. In a statement, the embassy also expressed regret over Poland's ingratitude to Moscow for its role in defeating the Nazis, "thanks to which the Polish state exists today!"

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Mary-Grace said. "This is all part of a living prayer."

The Shifrins started the Bailey's Garden 5K road race in Lebanon in 2007 to raise money for Bailey's Garden playground, a handicapped-accessible playscape completed in 2015. The race, which now benefits the Bailey's Garden Foundation, will take place Sunday at 1:30 p.m. starting and finishing at Lebanon Elementary School.

"God put this on my heart when it first started, the whole endeavor to build a playground," said Jim, a special education teacher at Hampton Elementary School. "I knew it was something I had to do, and it was a promise I made to Bailey.

"When I had my accident, it kind of threw me for a loop. It took me a while to recover, but I didn't want to stop. We haven't had the run for a couple years because of COVID. I knew this was something I needed to do. My intent is to be able to provide grants for children with disabilities and their families to help them purchase equipment and services."

Their daughter Bailey was born with Trisomy 18, also known as Edwards syndrome, in which an extra chromosome (No. 18) is present and causes severe developmental delays and birth defects. Many children affected don't live past their first year, but Bailey lived until she was almost 7. She couldn't talk or walk. She was a student at Lebanon Elementary until her death.

Bailey's Garden playground is a handicapped-accessible playscape in Lebanon. **COURTESY**

"As a parent, you always want to do something for your children," Jim said. "That never goes away, even when your child passes. There was something I needed to do for her. It was just the idea of giving other children with disabilities access. I was on a bike ride one day and I was praying to my daughter, 'OK, what do you want' and the image of the playground came up. That's where I started."

Jim remembered bringing Bailey to an accessible playground in Willimantic, where she was able to go on the swings and access other activities. He based some of Bailey's Garden playground off that.

Their son Cooper, who is graduating this month with a degree in biomedical engineering from Boston University, helped with the design when he was 5 years old, Mary-Grace said.

Jim Shifrin and his wife, Mary-Grace Shifrin, participate in the 2018 Bailey's Garden 5K. **COURTESY OF THE SHIFRIN FAMILY**

Nevaeh, their daughter who is 15 and a student at Lyman Memorial, helped build the playground and wants to put in a garden around the playground.

"It was a lot of blood, sweat and tears on the part of my husband and our family and close friends who helped," Mary-Grace said.

Two years after the playground was finished, Jim was out on a bike ride about a mile from their home. His bike hit a rut in the road and he went over the handlebars and broke his neck.

"Even amidst that, he kept to his plan and his commitment," Mary-Grace said.

Jim said his father was a double amputee due to diabetes.

"My advocacy kind of started then," he said. "We had to convert our home for my father. It's been part of my life for a long time.

"I'm a special education teacher. This is something I've committed my life to. I've always been an advocate for people with disabilities in general."

For more information on the Bailey's Garden 5K, go to runsignup.com/Race/CT/Lebanon/BaileysGardenFamilyFunRun. For more information on Bailey's Garden Foundation, go to: baileysgarden.org.

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Police

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assignments and discipline were based on favoritism

"The findings of this study suggest that WPD leadership must emphasize clear and direct communication of policies, procedures, and departmental goals. WPD personnel felt this was severely lacking in previous years and under (the) prior administration," researchers Lisa Barao and Chelsea Farrell wrote in their April 29 report.

Medina asked the town to conduct the independent survey to measure exactly what has been troubling front-line officers, supervisors and civilian workers.

"Employees felt that they were rarely provided with information about changes to procedures or explanations of why changes were necessary. They also felt that their input was rarely solicited in planning or policy development processes," Baroa and Farrell wrote.

Medina started off with several meetings with the lieutenants who have been running day-to-day operations, and with ride-alongs with numerous patrol officers. He's looking for ways to send all supervisors and commanders to advanced training, said this week that he's confident the department is already rebuilding enthusiasm.

"This study was their voice — so we're going to be setting benchmarks and timelines," Medina said, adding that as chief he wants to prepare his senior commanders to be ready for the top job. "My goal is that when I leave, two people will be ready to take my place. I don't want to hold information close to the chest — the more I know, the more I can share."

Lt. Michael Connolly, a Wethersfield police officer for 24 years, said he is pleased with the department's new direction.

"It's great that he'd doing things to make this place even better," Connolly said. "He uses 'us' and 'we.' That's very new for this place."

Holton said that having a long-term chief with new ideas is a major improvement. Then-Chief Jame Cetran was fired in mid-2021 following more than a year of controversies as well as a power struggle with then-Town Manager Gary Evans. After Cetran, the department went through five months with two interim leaders.

"I liken it to a ship without a rudder. There were factions and cliques, a lot of things were mismanaged," Holton said. "With this chief, there's a good working relationship with management.

"We had no code of conduct. The Internal Affairs process was weaponized. If they liked you, you'd get a written reprimand. If they didn't like you, you could get suspended. We wanted some structure," Holton said.

The union worked with Medina to draft a code of conduct and also is making progress on issues from staffing to bike patrols, Holton said.

"We're talking with him about family time, quality-of-life issues. He requested new officers — until now, we've been at the same staffing level since the 1970s, even though there are new businesses and new apartment complexes in town," Holton said. "With this chief, if I pick up the phone and say 'can we talk about this,' it's more than likely he'll make the time to take the call."

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Some foes of Roe uneasy about end

Within opposition, there are Catholics raising concerns

By David Crary
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Los Angeles Archbishop Jose Gomez on Friday called for prayers that Roe v. Wade be overturned. **DAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP**

NEW YORK — Top leaders of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called on the faithful to pray and fast Friday, in hopes the Supreme Court is on track to overturn the constitutional right to abortion. Yet even among Catholics who oppose abortion, there is some unease about the consequences of such a ruling.

A recently leaked Supreme Court draft opinion suggests that a majority of the nine justices are poised to reverse the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision — a move that would allow individual states to outlaw abortion.

Some anti-abortion Catholics say such an outcome would be the answer to their prayers. Others caution that Catholic leaders should distance themselves from the politically partisan wing of the anti-abortion movement and expand their concept of "pro-life" by supporting broad policies that set up safety nets for unwed mothers and low-income families.

Madison Chastain, a Catholic blogger and disability advocate, describes herself as anti-abortion, yet opposes overturning Roe and criminalizing abortions.

Factors that cause abortion, she wrote in the National Catholic Reporter, include lack of comprehensive sex education, inadequate health care, and workplace inequalities.

"Making abortion illegal before addressing these injustices is going to kill women, because women will continue to have abortions, secretively and unsafely," she wrote."

Sam Sawyer, a journalist and Jesuit priest, says he is a "dedicated pro-life advocate" who favors Roe's reversal. Yet he responded to the leak with an essay listing reasons why abortion rights supporters are so alarmed by that prospect.

"The pro-life movement and its political alliances are perceived as a threat not just to abortion itself but also to democratic norms, to judicial commitments to civil rights, and to women's health and economic security," Sawyer wrote in America, the Jesuit magazine for which he is a senior editor.

Republican politicians, backed by anti-abortion leaders, "have used the lives of the unborn as moral cover for ignoring other calls for justice," Sawyer wrote. "The pro-life movement's political allies have gutted social safety net programs that would make it easier for women to carry pregnancies to term."

The call for a day of fasting and prayer came from Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, the president of the U.S. bishops conference, and Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

They requested prayers for the overturning of Roe and for "the conversion of the hearts and minds of those who advocate for abortion."

The archbishops echoed the calls of other Catholic leaders who, after the Supreme Court leak, suggested that a reversal of Roe should be coupled with expanded outreach and support for pregnant women and new mothers.

Lori highlighted a USCCB program called Walking With Moms in Need, saying the church should redouble its efforts "to accompany women and couples who are facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies, and during the early years of parenthood."

The bishops conference has designated the "threat of abortion" as its preeminent priority — a viewpoint many lay Catholics don't share. According to Pew Research Center surveys, 56% of U.S. Catholics say abortion should be legal in all or most cases.

Professor O. Carter Snead, who teaches law and political science at the University of Notre Dame, said via email that most Catholics engaging in anti-abortion activism "are not hard political partisans but rather people seeking to care for moms and babies by whatever means are available."

As an example, Snead cited Notre Dame's de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture — which he directs — and one of its initiatives, called "Women and Children First: Imagining a Post-Roe World." Through teaching, research and public engagement, the initiative seeks to strengthen support for "women, children (born and unborn), and families in need."

However, achieving broad bipartisan collaboration on such initiatives may not come soon, Snead acknowledged.

"It is true, regrettably, that the only political party that has been willing to partner to provide legal protection for the unborn is the Republicans," he said.

Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas — an outspoken critic of Catholic politicians who support abortion rights — said abortion opponents "must continue to provide support and care for the mothers who find themselves in difficult situations."

David Gibson, director of the Center on Religion and Culture at Fordham University, questioned the significance of recent promises by Catholic bishops and other anti-abortion leaders to boost support for unwed mothers.

"Can this movement that is so tied to the Republican Party and the conservative movement suddenly pivot to mobilizing its people for socially liberal policies?" Gibson asked, referring to programs such as subsidized child care and paid maternity leaves.

Israeli police beat slain journalist's pallbearers

Violence expected to fuel grief, outrage across Arab world

By Josef Federman
Associated Press

Israeli police confront mourners as they carry the casket of slain Al Jazeera veteran journalist Shireen Abu Akleh during her funeral Friday in east Jerusalem. **MAYA LEVIN/AP**

JERUSALEM — Israeli riot police on Friday pushed and beat pallbearers at the funeral for slain Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, causing them to briefly drop the casket in a shocking start to a procession that turned into perhaps the largest display of Palestinian nationalism in Jerusalem in a generation.

The scenes of violence were likely to add to the sense of grief and outrage across the Arab world that has followed the death of Abu Akleh, who witnesses say was killed by Israeli troops Wednesday during a raid in the occupied West Bank. They also illustrated the deep sensitivities over east Jerusalem — which is claimed by both Israel and the Palestinians and has sparked repeated conflicts.

Abu Akleh, 51, was a household name across the Arab world, synonymous with Al Jazeera's coverage of life under Israeli rule, which is into its sixth decade with no end in sight. A 25-year veteran of the satellite channel, she was revered by Palestinians as a local hero.

Thousands of people, many waving Palestinian flags and chanting "Palestine! Palestine!" attended the funeral. It was believed to be the largest Palestinian funeral in Jerusalem since Faisal Husseini, a Palestinian leader and scion of a prominent family, died in 2001.

Ahead of the burial, a large crowd gathered to escort her casket from an east Jerusalem hospital to a Catholic church in the nearby Old City. Many of the mourners held Palestinian flags, and the crowd began shouting, "We sacrifice our soul and blood for you, Shireen."

Shortly after, Israel police moved in, pushing and clubbing mourners. As the helmeted riot police approached, they hit pallbearers, causing one man to lose control of the casket as it dropped toward the ground.

Police also ripped Palestinian flags out of people's hands and fired stun grenades to disperse the crowd.

Abu Akleh's brother, Tony, said the scenes "prove that Shireen's reports and honest words ... had a powerful impact."

Al Jazeera correspondent Givara Budeiri said the police crackdown was like killing Abu Akleh again.

"It seems her voice isn't silent," she said during a report by the broadcaster.

East Jerusalem, home to the city's most important Jewish, Muslim and Christian holy sites, was captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war. It claims all of the city as its eternal capital and has annexed the eastern sector in a move that is not internationally recognized.

The Palestinians claim east Jerusalem as the capital of a future independent state. Israel routinely clamps down on any displays of support for Palestinian statehood. The conflicting claims to east Jerusalem often spill over into violence, helping fuel an 11-day conflict between Israel and Gaza militants last year and recently sparking weeks of unrest at the city's most sensitive holy site.

Outside of prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque, Israel rarely allows large Palestinian gatherings in east Jerusalem.

Police said the crowd at the hospital chanted "nationalist incitement," ignored calls to stop and threw stones at them. "The policemen were forced to act," police said. They issued a video in which a commander outside the hospital warns the crowd that police will come if they don't stop the incitement and "nationalist songs."

An Israeli official said the details of the funeral had been coordinated with the family ahead of time to ensure it would run smoothly, but that "masses began gathering around the hearse of Shireen Abu Akleh and chaos ensued," preventing the procession from going along its intended route. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

Earlier this week, Abu Akleh's brother said the original arrangement was to move the casket in a hearse from the hospital to the church, and that after the service, it would be carried through the streets to the cemetery. It was not immediately clear why those plans had changed and pallbearers emerged from the hospital carrying the casket.

Al Jazeera said in a statement that the police action "violates all international norms and rights."

"Israeli occupation forces attacked those mourning the late Shireen Abu Akhleh after storming the French hospital in Jerusalem, where they severely beat the pallbearers," it said. The network added that it remains committed to covering the news and will not be deterred.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki called the images "deeply disturbing."

The focus should be "marking the memory of a remarkable journalist who lost her life," Psaki said. "We regret the intrusion into what should have been a peaceful procession."

Turkey's president frowns on allowing Finland, Sweden to join NATO

By Jari Tanner and Suzan Fraser
Associated Press

HELSINKI — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Friday that his country is "not favorable" toward Finland and Sweden joining NATO, indicating Turkey could use its membership in the Western military alliance to veto moves to admit the two countries.

"We are following developments concerning Sweden and Finland, but we are not of a favorable opinion," Erdogan told reporters.

The Turkish leader explained his opposition by citing Sweden and other Scandinavian countries' alleged support for Kurdish militants and others whom Turkey considers to be terrorists.

He said he also did not want to repeat Turkey's 1980 "mistake" of agreeing to readmit Greece into NATO's military wing. He claimed the action had allowed Greece "to take an attitude against Turkey" with NATO's backing.

Erdogan did not say outright that he would block accession attempts by the two Nordic nations. But NATO makes all its decisions by consensus, meaning that each of the 30 member countries has a potential veto over who can join.

Russia's aggression in Ukraine prompted Finland and Sweden to reconsider their traditions of military nonalignment.

Should the two countries proceed on that path, it would represent a blow to Russia since President Vladimir Putin cited NATO's expansion near Russian territory as one of his justifications for invading Ukraine.

President Joe Biden held a call Friday with Swedish Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson and President Sauli Niinisto of Finland.

The White House said in a statement that Biden "underscored his support for NATO's Open Door policy and for the right of Finland and Sweden to decide their own future, foreign policy and security arrangements."

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Friday that Washington is "working to clarify Turkey's position" and believes there is "broad support" among NATO members for Finland and Sweden to join the alliance.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is scheduled to meet his NATO counterparts, including the Turkish foreign minister, this weekend in Germany.

The accession procedure could be done in "a couple of weeks," several NATO officials have said, although it could take around six months for member countries to ratify the accession protocol.

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Army takes aim at Arctic readiness

Alaskan units might reorganize, reequip as rivals eye region

By Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press

The U.S. Army is poised to revamp its forces in Alaska to better prepare for cold-weather conflicts, according to Army leaders. The expected changes include relocating major training exercises for these troops. **MARK THIESSEN/AP 2016**

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — The U.S. Army is poised to revamp its forces in Alaska to better prepare for future cold-weather conflicts, and it is expected to replace the larger, heavily equipped Stryker Brigade in the state with a more mobile infantry unit better suited for the frigid fight, Army leaders say.

Army Secretary Christine Wormuth said she expects to make a final decision soon about the Alaska troop change, saying she will likely convert the Stryker unit, which uses heavy, eight-wheeled vehicles, to an infantry brigade.

"I think right now the purpose of Army forces in Alaska is much more about creating an extreme cold weather capable formation" that could be used in Europe or the Indo-Pacific, Wormuth said on a recent trip to Alaska to meet with commanders and troops. "We're trying to get to a place where we have Arctic-capable forces — forces that can survive and operate in that environment."

The U.S. has long viewed the Arctic as a growing area of competition with Russia and China, particularly as climate change brings warmer temperatures and opens the sea lanes for longer periods of time. But officials have acknowledged that the U.S. lags behind those nations. Russia has taken steps to increase its military presence there, and China views the region as economically valuable for shipping and natural resources.

The changes in the Army were under consideration well before U.S. tensions with Russia soared following its invasion of Ukraine.

Under the new Army plan, the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, now based in Alaska, would be converted to a light infantry brigade. Combined with the division's 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the two units would become the 11th Airborne Division, based in Alaska. And the large Stryker vehicles, which are somewhat old, would be replaced by other vehicles that are more suitable for the icy and snowy terrain, Wormuth said.

The greater focus on cold-weather war includes a move to conduct major training exercises for the Alaska-based troops in their home state, under the weather conditions they would face in an Arctic fight. The troops had been scheduled to go to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana, in March, but Army leaders decided to keep them in Alaska so they could train under the frigid temperatures and frozen terrain that they would encounter in any cold-weather battle.

"I think it really makes sense to have forces trained in the Arctic environments that they would be used for," Wormuth said after spending two days at the still snowy base. "If we're going to have ground forces in Alaska, that's what we need them to be able to do. They can't get that experience going to the Mojave Desert or to Fort Polk."

Last year, in an initial trial event, Pacific-based forces stayed in Hawaii for their scheduled exercises at the National Training Center in California's Mojave Desert. Commanders said they have learned from these first two moves, as they try to recreate conditions and relocate personnel and equipment from well-established training centers to more remote locations.

During her visit to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Wormuth met with commanders who called the training shift a success. Maj. Gen. Brian Eifler, commander of U.S. Army Alaska, said the benefits outweighed any shortfalls created by the need to build the infrastructure for the training exercise in the remote north.

"You're getting the best of both worlds, without losing too much," Eifler said. "We did get a lot more out of it than we thought we would."

Eifler said that while they didn't have as many training observers or civilian role players as at one of the training centers, the trainers that did come were able to learn more about Arctic weather operations.

In addition, Eifler said, the change avoided the costly and time-consuming shipment of vehicles, weapons and other equipment to Louisiana and back. The lengthy packing and shipping process before and after a training exercise in Louisiana or California often forces troops to be without their weapons systems and other equipment for weeks.

During briefings at the Alaska base, commanders said the training included large-scale combat operations in what they called the "most challenging environment on earth." They said that 10,000 troops — including Canadian army and air force personnel — were involved in the exercise.

But they said the exercise also underscored the need for better cold-weather vehicles, including those capable of carrying Arctic infantry forces.

Gen. Joseph Martin, the vice chief of the Army, said the service has been studying what would be the best type of vehicle for the troops. "Is the Stryker the right vehicle for an Arctic warrior? In the winter, you need vehicles that can move across snow," he said.

In addition, he said, the vehicle also needs to be able to operate in the spring or summer thaw, when the ground turns to mud.

As Wormuth wrapped up her visit, she suggested that the decision on the Stryker Brigade is moving forward soon. Any final decision would need approval from Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin.

"If you're going to do big movements of equipment and things like that, the summer is a pretty important window because it's a lot easier to move vehicles around than doing it in the dead of winter," she said.

And in conversations with congressional lawmakers, including during a hearing this week, she made clear that the change would not reduce the number of soldiers in Alaska. Instead, she said that while the infantry brigade would be smaller, the Army would offset that loss by increasing the size and capabilities of the headquarters.

More broadly, she talked with commanders in Alaska about the potential need for more changes as the U.S. military's Arctic strategy evolves.

The U.S., Wormuth said, has resisted moves to militarize the Arctic, even as Russia has expanded its military presence and basing there. But, she said, "will that mindset continue given what the Russians are doing in Ukraine? Or will that get revisited? Will that create a window to think about things differently?"

Commanders said there are questions about whether one of the Pentagon's combatant commands — such as European Command or Northern Command, based in Colorado — should take full ownership of the Arctic and the U.S. military role there. Wormuth said the issue needs further discussion, and any decision may be years away.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp debates on May 1. Former Vice President Mike Pence will campaign with Kemp the day before this month's GOP primary. **BRYNN ANDERSON/POOL VIA AP**

Pence, in split from Trump, set to rally with Kemp in Ga.

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former Vice President Mike Pence will campaign with Georgia's incumbent Republican Gov. Brian Kemp the day before this month's GOP primary in his most significant political break with former President Donald Trump to date.

Kemp's campaign announced Friday morning that Pence will headline a rally for Kemp on May 23, the day before the vote. That puts Pence in direct conflict with Trump-endorsed candidate David Perdue, who has been trailing in the polls.

Kemp is one of Trump's top targets this election cycle because of his refusal to cooperate with Trump's efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 election.

"Brian Kemp is my friend, a man dedicated to faith, family and the people of Georgia," Pence said in a statement. "I am proud to offer my full support for four more years of Brian Kemp as governor of the great state of Georgia!"

The news comes as Pence has taken steps to distance himself from Trump as the former congressman and Indiana governor considers a 2024 presidential run that could put him into direct competition with his former boss.

In February, Pence said Trump was "wrong" to insist that Pence had the power to unilaterally overturn the results of the 2020 election — a power vice presidents do not possess. In a separate speech before top Republican donors, Pence urged the GOP to move on from Trump's election grievances.

In an interview with radio host John Fredericks on the conservative Real America's Voice, Trump declined to unleash on Pence when asked about his decision to campaign with Kemp.

"Well, Mike is trying to get involved and he's a very nice man," he said. "But he really let us all down."

The former president, meanwhile, continued to pan three current and former Republican governors, including New Jersey's Chris Christie, whom he had previously labeled "RINOs" — or "Republicans in Name Only" — for supporting Kemp.

"We have to fight these people," Trump said Friday.

Earlier this week, Trump had said their support "tells you all you need to know about what you are getting in Georgia — just a continuation of bad elections and a real RINO if you vote for Brian Kemp."

"Maybe the 'R' in RINO really stands for reelected," Christie quipped back.

The Georgia race is a gamble for Trump, who notched a major victory in Ohio this month when J.D. Vance, the candidate he endorsed, came from behind to win a competitive GOP Senate primary. But last week, his pick for governor in Nebraska, Charles Herbster, lost his primary amid groping allegations. And Trump faces challenges ahead, including in Pennsylvania next week, where his pick for Senate, celebrity heart surgeon Mehmet Oz, is locked in a tight, three-way race.

Kemp had been substantially ahead of Perdue in polls in March and April, and many expect Kemp will be able to prevail without a June runoff.

Both sides claim victory in Texas ruling on trans youth

By Paul J. Weber and Acacia Coronado
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Demonstrators gather at the Texas State Capitol in Austin to speak against transgender-related bills being considered by the state legislature. **ERIC GAY/AP 2021**

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Supreme Court on Friday allowed the state to investigate parents of transgender youth for child abuse while also ruling in favor of one family that was among the first contacted by child welfare officials following an order by Republican Gov. Greg Abbott.

The court did not rule on the merits of the investigations — which were the first of its kind in the U.S. — only that lower courts in Texas overstepped by trying to block all cases from going forward.

The mixed ruling by Texas' highest civil court, which is made up of nine elected Republican justices, comes as GOP lawmakers across the U.S. are accelerating efforts to impose restrictions on transgender rights.

Both parties in the lawsuit called the decision a victory.

Lambda Legal, which helped bring the lawsuit against Texas on behalf of the parents of the 16-year-old girl, called the decision a win because it put the state's investigation into their family on hold. Although the ruling does not prevent Texas from launching investigations into other families, the state would be foolish to do so now because those families could also seek an injunction, said Omar Gonzalez-Pagan, counsel and health care strategist for Lambda Legal.

Texas went further than any state in February when Abbott issued a first-of-its-kind order that instructed child welfare officials to investigate reports of gender-confirming care for kids as abuse.

A judge in Austin put that order on hold after a lawsuit brought on behalf of the 16-year-old girl whose family said the state was already investigating their family. It was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and Lambda Legal.

The lawsuit marked the first report of parents being investigated following Abbott's directive and an earlier nonbinding legal opinion by Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton labeling certain gender-confirming treatments as "child abuse." The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services has said it opened nine investigations following the directive and opinion.

Brian Klosterboer, a staff attorney with the ACLU leading the case, said the court's decision was "largely good news," citing the relief for his clients as well as the finding that Paxton's opinion and Abbott's directive are nonbinding and do not have a legal effect. Klosterboer said the court's decision clarifies that the governor does not have the authority to change Texas law and though the state's family services agency can decide whether to investigate, it is up to the courts whether the agency can take action against any family reported under this directive.

"His directive is I think what caused the most harm because it created a lot of fear and panic across the state," Klosterboer said.

According to Klosterboer, Paxton's office filed an appeal within minutes of the decision.

In a social media post following the ruling, Paxton said he had "just secured a win." Abbott's office did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Nationwide, Republicans have leaned into the debate over transgender rights as LGBTQ Americans have grown increasingly visible in society and pop culture.

In March, the Arizona Legislature passed bills to prohibit gender confirmation surgery for minors and ban transgender athletes from playing on girls sports teams, and Republican Gov. Doug Ducey signed them.

Two other GOP governors, in Indiana and Utah, bucked their party and vetoed legislation to ban transgender players from girls sports.

The governor's directive and Paxton's opinion go against the nation's largest medical groups, including the American Medical Association, which have opposed Republican-backed restrictions on transgender people filed in statehouses nationwide.

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No retreat from business in Russia

Activists rip French retailer for choosing to keep stores open

By Vanessa Gera
Associated Press

Polish activist Arkadiusz Szczurek, right, protests outside French home improvement retailer Leroy Merlin on May 7 in Warsaw, Poland. **PAWEL KUCZYNSKI/AP**

WARSAW, Poland — A man in a Russian military uniform stood at the entrance of a large home improvement store in Poland's capital, saluting shoppers and thanking them for funding Russian President Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine.

His chest bedecked with medals, Polish activist Arkadiusz Szczurek was protesting at a French-owned retailer Leroy Merlin store in Warsaw as shoppers flocked to buy plants and gardening equipment with spring's arrival.

Some shoppers turned around to go elsewhere. Others were indifferent or irritated.

"Millions of Ukrainians are forced to flee the bombs and shooting, (and) people are dying," Ukrainian activist Natalia Panchenko said at a rally last weekend. "But they keep doing business and see no problem with financing the war."

It marked the latest protest in Poland over Leroy Merlin's decision to keep operating 112 stores in Russia, even as many other Western companies have suspended operations there. Leroy Merlin wouldn't comment other than to say it's not responsible for the war.

It's among the foreign companies with a large footprint in Russia that have had to choose between taking the financial hit of leaving or face damage to their reputation by staying.

It is a painful choice for companies based in countries such as France and Italy, which do extensive business in Russia and are keeping their sights on future trade once the war is over.

However, many corporations with big stakes in Russia have pulled out and are enduring the hit to their bottom lines.

McDonald's closed its 850 stores in Russia in March, but is still paying its 62,000 employees. The fast-food chain said it's losing $55 million per month in sales from Russia and expects to lose $100 million worth of inventory because of store closures. Energy company Shell says it's taking a $3.9 billion charge to cover the cost of exiting investments in Russia, while rival BP said it's taking $25.5 billion in pretax charges to exit its holdings in Russian energy producer Rosneft.

Other companies are still partially operating in Russia. PepsiCo, Nestle and Johnson & Johnson are still supplying essentials like medications and baby formula while halting nonessential sales. Italian tiremaker Pirelli and Danish brewer Carlsberg say they are operating just enough to support their Russian workers.

Leroy Merlin, with stores similar to Home Depot, is among the foreign companies with the highest revenue in Russia. It says it has helped Ukrainian refugees, including its workers.

Parent company Adeo Group in Paris didn't reply to multiple requests for comment.

Such French companies with significant operations in Russia have been singled out by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy as aiding Russia's war effort. In an address to the French parliament in March, he mentioned carmaker Renault, Leroy Merlin and two other retailers belonging to Adeo Group: supermarket chain Auchan and sporting goods chain Decathlon.

Soon after, Renault and Decathlon said they would suspend Russian operations, but Leroy Merlin and Auchan stayed.

To many in Ukraine, where Leroy Merlin shut its six stores amid bombings, that feels like a betrayal. In Poland, which borders Ukraine and has accepted more refugees than another other country, many people are highly critical of the French company.

Poland is a member of NATO, but there are still fears it also could become a target of the Kremlin's revived colonial ambitions, particularly if Russia claims victory in Ukraine.

Dominik Gasiorowski, top organizer of the Polish Leroy Merlin Boycott movement, believes withholding business to a company that's a major taxpayer in Russia is one of the few concrete things regular people can do to influence the outcome of the war.

"If we, as Western nations, support businesses staying in Russia, we are paying Putin to invade us eventually," he said. "I refuse to believe that my people, Polish people, cannot make such a small gesture of solidarity during a genocide as choosing another shop a few kilometers away."

During last weekend's picketing, activists held a poster of a container alongside Leroy Merlin's green logo, calling it a "bin for a corpse" with the message "Leroy Kremlin supports the Russian invasion."

It was designed by artist Bartlomiej Kielbowicz, who also has created fake labels people have been sticking on shelves inside Leroy Merlin stores, including one for a broom and dustpan "for sweeping away guilt." There is another for hammers — "for killing."

Andrzej Kubisiak, deputy director of the Polish Economic Institute, said it's too soon to know the full effect of the protests but that an app monitoring movement on streets has showed less traffic going to Leroy Merlin, Auchan and Decathlon stores. A Polish bank analysis of card payments also shows a fall in purchases.

But Kubisiak said historically boycott movements lose steam over time, and he expects this one will, too, as Poles, facing inflation of over 12%, will be guided by consumer prices above all else. All three French retailers are known for their competitive prices.

NEWS BRIEFING

NKorea acknowledges 21 new deaths amid spread of COVID-19

From news services

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea on Saturday reported 21 new deaths and 174,440 more people with fever symptoms as the country scrambles to slow the spread of COVID-19 across its unvaccinated population.

The deaths and cases, which were from Friday, increased total numbers to 27 deaths and 524,440 illnesses amid a rapid spread of fever since late April. North Korea said 243,630 people had recovered and 280,810 remained in quarantine.

State media didn't specify how many of the fever cases and deaths were confirmed as COVID-19 infections.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, during a meeting on anti-virus strategies Saturday, described the outbreak as a historically "huge disruption" and called for unity between the government and people to stabilize the outbreak as quickly as possible.

Experts say a failure to control the spread of COVID-19 could have devastating consequences in North Korea, considering the country's poor health care system and that its 26 million people are largely unvaccinated.

State media said tests of virus samples collected Sunday from an unspecified number of people with fevers in the country's capital, Pyongyang, confirmed they were infected with the omicron variant. The country has so far officially confirmed one death as linked to an omicron infection.

The viral spread could have been accelerated after an estimated tens of thousands of civilians and troops gathered for a massive military parade in Pyongyang on April 25, where Kim took center stage and showcased the most powerful missiles of his military nuclear program.

Kim had at times been candid about his worsening economy and other problems, but had repeatedly expressed confidence about pandemic response and wasn't seen wearing a mask in public until Thursday.

Cheong Seong-Chang, an analyst at South Korea's Sejong Institute, said Friday that the pace of the fever's spread suggests the crisis could last months and possibly into 2023, causing major disruption in the poorly equipped country.

Haitians dying at sea: Haitians are fleeing in greater numbers to the neighboring Dominican Republic, where they board rickety wooden boats painted sky blue to blend with the ocean to try to reach Puerto Rico — a trip in which 11 Haitian women drowned this week, with dozens of other migrants believed missing.

U.S. authorities said they have detained twice the number of migrants in and around U.S. jurisdictions in the Caribbean in the past year compared with a year earlier.

"We've seen our Haitian numbers explode," said Scott Garrett, acting chief patrol agent for U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Puerto Rico.

Garrett and others say Haiti's political instability, coupled with brutal gang violence and a crumbling economy, have prompted people to flee, with more doing so via the Dominican Republic. Both countries share the island of Hispaniola, which lies west of Puerto Rico, with a treacherous area known as the Mona Passage separating the two.

In the most recent capsizing spotted on Thursday, 11 bodies of Haitian women were found and 38 people rescued — 36 of them Haitians and two from the Dominican Republic. Authorities say one of those rescued was charged with human smuggling. Dozens are believed missing.

Garrett said it's unclear exactly how many migrants were aboard the boat, but said survivors provided authorities with their own estimates of somewhere between 60 and 75.

Red moon this weekend: A total lunar eclipse will grace the night skies this weekend, providing longer than usual thrills for stargazers across North and South America.

The celestial action unfolds Sunday night into early Monday morning, with the moon bathed in the reflected red and orange hues of Earth's sunsets and sunrises for about 1½ hours, one of the longest totalities of the decade. It will be the first so-called blood moon in a year.

Observers in the eastern half of North America and all of Central and South America will have prime seats for the whole show, weather permitting.

Deadly fire in India: A massive fire erupted Friday evening in a four-story commercial building in New Delhi, killing at least 27 people and leaving several others injured, a fire control room official said.

Dozens of people were rescued from the building, which contains mainly shops, the control room said.

The Press Trust of India news agency said 12 people suffered burns in the fire and 50 were evacuated from the building.

The casualties occurred on the second floor of the building, where inflammable plastic material used for manufacturing equipment like security cameras was stored.

The Indian Express newspaper said two owners of a company selling security cameras were detained for questioning, as the fire reportedly started from their office.

Train attacker overpowered: An off-duty police officer and two other passengers on a regional train in Germany overpowered a man born in Iraq who wounded five people including the officer with a knife on Friday, authorities said.

A top law enforcement official said the 31-year-old attacker had been investigated for possible Islamic extremism while living in a refugee hostel in 2017, but that the motive for the train attack hadn't been determined.

Four of the injured were treated in hospital for wounds to their hands or face and head, while one victim had been stabbed in the shoulder blade. None were in life-threatening condition. The attacker was also injured and taken to a clinic.

Pedestrians cross a suspension bridge shortly after its official opening Friday at a mountain resort in Dolni Morava, Czech Republic. The bridge, which is the longest structure of its kind in the world at more than 2,300 feet long and strung at an altitude more than 3,600 feet above sea level, affords those who traverse the span views of a valley 311 feet below. **PETR DAVID JOSEK/AP**

Woman dragged 8 miles: Police in central California were searching for the driver of a pickup truck that struck a woman walking her dog Friday and kept going, dragging her more than 8 miles to a hotel parking lot, where she was found dead.

The 29-year-old woman, believed to be homeless, was pushing a shopping cart and had her dog on a leash when she was hit by a gray or silver pickup truck at an intersection in Fresno, said Fresno Police Lt. Bill Dooley.

The man kept driving with the woman trapped under his truck and stopped at a hotel, where he parked in the parking lot, got out of the pickup truck and went to the lobby to ask for a room, Dooley said.

When the man was told there was no vacancy, he left and was pulling back in his truck when another hotel guest saw the woman's partial remains dislodge from under the pickup truck and called police, Dooley said.

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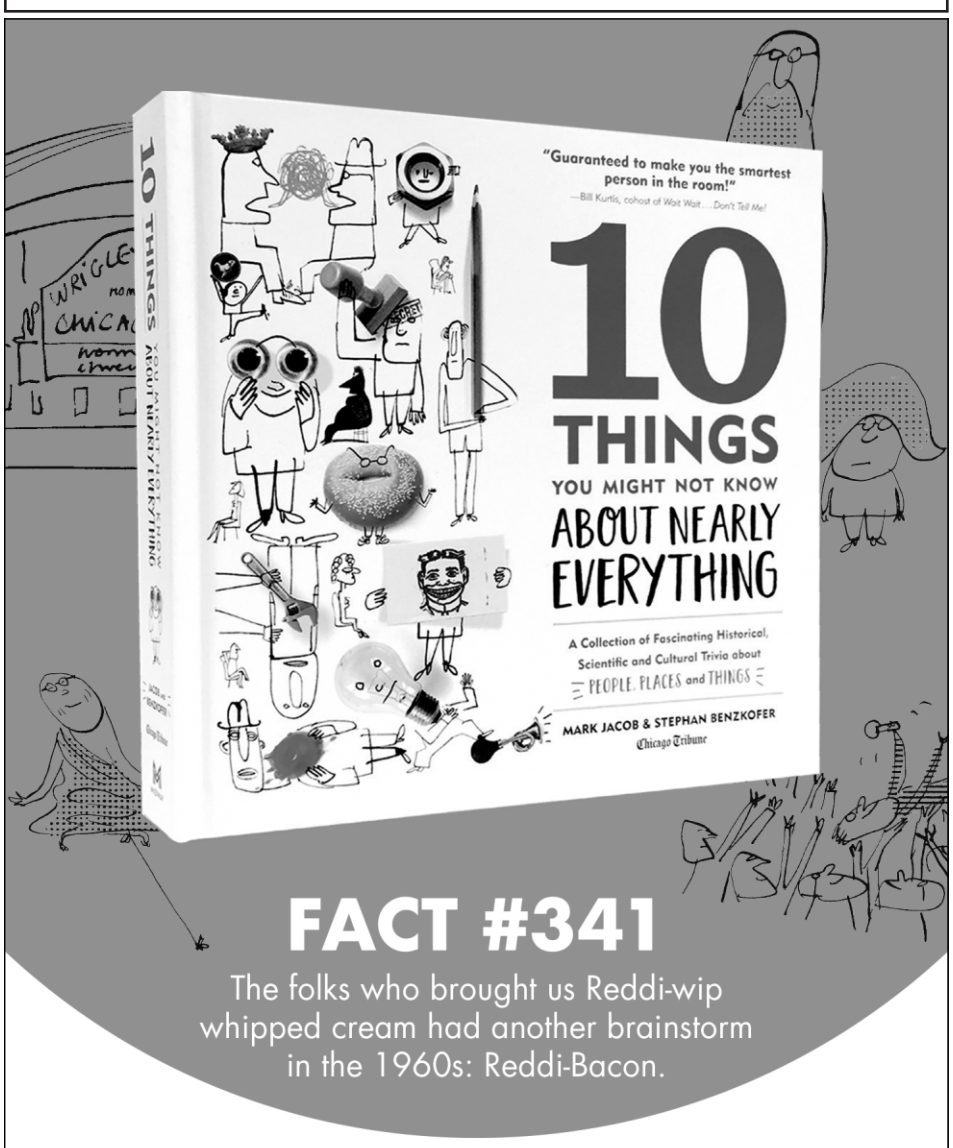
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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Children worth more than tax money from pot

I would like to add my voice to the readers who are responding with their negative opinions about legalizing marijuana. Pot is a mind-altering drug, addictive and expensive. Don't we have enough of those substances available now and haven't we all seen the results of the damage they have and will continue to cause? Why would anyone think the tax money is worth the misery this will cause by adding one more? Parents struggle to teach their young kids the dangers of such substances, why would our state legislators want the approval of such a law? Let's do our part in helping to protect our students and children. That should be our priority, not the tax windfall.

Hope McKay Rice, Enfield

Rock band Steppenwolf had it right

How is it possible the same elected and appointed officials who are pushing to ban menthol cigarettes and flavored vapes in Connecticut are also pushing to legalize and distribute recreational marijuana? Steppenwolf was spot on with their song, "God (expletive) the pusher man."

Mark Walsh, West Hartford

Lawmakers waste time on unimportant matters

In recent years, 27 U.S. states and territories have passed laws that reform their statutes of limitations for child sexual abuse cases. Such reforms provide victims of child sexual abuse a much-needed path to justice, which is currently not available to them. In Connecticut, however, our Judiciary Committee has refused to address this issue in each of their past three sessions. This year, the excuse given was that there wasn't enough time to discuss it because it was a short session. Yet our legislators found time to debate whether lollipops should be the official state candy of Connecticut.

Walter Zultowski, West Granby

Construction of warehouses not the answer

The recent burst of warehouse construction in the area is quite disturbing. For example, can you think of a less desirable use of Rentschler Field in such a prime location at the center of our community? Does anyone really believe that is best use? There was a "60 Minutes" segment recently that illustrated the negative effects of such development in Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, and the costs of pollution degrading the quality of life. I understand the need for jobs, but perhaps more regional thinking could create a more balanced approach. Developers looking to make a quick buck are selling our woods and fields to the highest bidder without any thought of what is right for us. Remember when we had to have malls everywhere? They don't care.

Rusty Brown, Glastonbury

I'll list Biden's 'accomplishments'

We often hear from Democratic spokespersons that the president's approval rating would be much higher if only the party's accomplishments during the past year could be communicated properly. As a concerned citizen, I feel it is my duty to help with their problem. So here are four "accomplishments" for you: The totally inept, shameful and abrupt withdrawal from Afghanistan stands out; the "temporary" inflationary spiral is now a national concern; the open-border policy will soon become a disaster if Biden repeals Article 42 next month as he has said he will; the attempt to blame soaring energy prices entirely on Putin is laughable.

As you consider voting next fall, ask if your family and the country are better off now than a year ago.

Ward O'Neill, West Hartford

Shame on those who voted to expand abortion law

In response to our recent state legislative vote to confirm and expand laws related to abortion, I express disappointment and sadness that a majority of those who voted yes took the easy road lacking in moral courage to stand strong against our nation's greatest plague. We mourn the national loss of a million lives shortened by COVID while championing and defending the loss of tens of millions of unborn Americans. This number is only diminished by the unknown millions of aborted humans worldwide funded by our tax dollars making us all complicit.

Connecticut has become a beacon welcoming those bent on circumventing their own state laws on abortion. We continue down a path of destruction, adding to legalization of recreational drugs and gaming, each of which continue to produce dire consequences. What a disturbing legacy to leave our children.

Lynette Taylor Grande, Bloomfield

Thanks for the beautiful photo showing respect

I want to thank the Courant for printing the picture of two people shaking hands during events at the Capitol on April 30. It was wonderful seeing two people, from different ends of the political spectrum, display public respect for each other. Let's all work toward more of that.

Eileen Redden, South Windsor

OP-ED

The truth about America's so-called second civil war

By Robert B. Reich
Tribune Media Services

The Supreme Court's upcoming decision to reverse Roe v. Wade (an early draft of which was leaked Monday, May 2) doesn't ban abortions; it leaves the issue to the states. As a result, it will put another large brick in the growing wall separating Blue and Red America.

Some say we're on the verge of a civil war, but that's not right. It won't be a formal secession (we tried that once), but a kind of benign separation analogous to unhappily married people who don't want to go through the trauma of a formal divorce. We are already quietly splitting into two Americas — one largely urban, racially and ethnically diverse, and young; the other largely rural or exurban, white, and older — each running according to different laws and with different sources of revenue.

The split is accelerating. Red ZIP codes are getting redder and blue ZIP codes, bluer. Of the nation's total 3,143 counties, the number of super landslide counties, where a presidential candidate won at least 80% of the vote, jumped from 6% in 2004 to 22% in 2020.

Surveys show Americans find it increasingly important to live around people who share their political values. Animosity toward those in the opposing party is higher than at any time in living memory, as 42% of registered voters believe Americans in the other party are "downright evil." Almost 40% would be upset at the prospect of their child marrying someone from the opposite party. Even before the 2020 election, when asked if violence would be justified if the other party won the election, 18.3% of Democrats and 13.8% of Republicans responded in the affirmative.

Americans are fleeing to places where political views match their own. America is growing more geographically polarized — red ZIP codes are getting redder and blue ZIP codes are becom....

While Red states make it nearly impossible to get abortions, they're making it easier than ever to buy guns — even easier to carry concealed guns without a permit. They're suppressing votes. (In Florida and Texas, teams of "election police" have been created to crack down on the rare crime of voter fraud, another fallout from Trump's Big Lie.) They're banning the teaching of America's history of racism. They're requiring transgender students to use bathrooms and join sports teams that reflect their gender at birth. They're making it harder to protest; more difficult to qualify for unemployment benefits or other forms of public assistance; and almost impossible to form labor unions. And they're passing "bounty" laws — enforced not by governments, which can be sued in federal court, but by rewards to private citizens for filing lawsuits on issues ranging from classroom speech to abortions to vaccinations.

Blue states are moving in the opposite direction. Several, including Colorado and Vermont, are codifying a right to abortion. Some are helping cover abortion expenses for out-of-staters. When Idaho proposed a ban on abortions that empowers relatives to sue anyone who helps terminate a pregnancy after six weeks, nearby Oregon approved $15 million to help cover the abortion expenses of patients from other states. Maryland and Washington have expanded access and legal protections to out-of-state abortion patients. One package of pending California bills would expand access to California abortions and protect abortion providers from out-of-state legal action.

After the governor of Texas ordered state agencies to investigate parents for child abuse if they provide certain medical treatments to their transgender children, California lawmakers proposed making the state a refuge for transgender youths and their families. Another California proposal would thwart enforcement of out-of-state court judgments removing children from the custody of parents who get them gender-affirming health services. California is also about to enforce a ban on ghost guns and assault weapons with a California version of Texas' recent six-week ban on abortion, featuring $10,000 bounties to encourage lawsuits from private citizens against anyone who sells, distributes or manufactures those types of firearms.

The new separation extends even to government revenue. A little-noticed trend is toward a growing share of total government taxing and spending occurring in the states — thereby making Blue states (which are overall wealthier than Red states) more financially autonomous.

For years, the inhabitants of Blue states have been sending more tax dollars to the federal government than they get back (in the form of federal assistance to the poor, education, social services, and infrastructure), while Red states have been sending Washington fewer dollars than they receive back. But the significance of this Blue state subsidy to Red states is declining as an ever-larger percentage of total federal and state taxes paid by the inhabitants of Blue states are being spent in such Blue States. (A record half of all government revenue is now raised and spent by state and local governments.)

We're also seeing more coordination among Blue states. During the pandemic, Blue states joined together on policies that Red states rejected — such as purchasing agreements for personal protective equipment, strategies for reopening businesses as COVID subsided, even on travel from other states with high levels of COVID. (At one point, New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut required travelers from states with high positivity rates — Arkansas, Florida, North and South Carolina, Texas, and Utah — to quarantine for two weeks before entering.)

We are splitting more quickly than anyone imagined. But the split raises a host of questions. For one, what will happen to the poor in Red states, who are disproportionately people of color? "States rights" was always a cover for segregation and harsh discrimination. The poor — both white and people of color — are already especially burdened by anti-abortion legislation because they can't afford travel to a Blue state to get an abortion. They're also hurt by the failure of Red states to expand Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act; by Red state de facto segregation in public schools; and by Red state measures to suppress votes.

One answer is for Democratic administrations and congresses in Washington to prioritize the needs of the Red state poor and make extra efforts to protect the civil and political rights of people of color in Red states. The failure of the Senate to muster enough votes to pass the Freedom to Vote Act, let alone revive the Voting Rights Act, suggests how difficult this will be.

But Blue states have a potential role here. They should spend additional resources on the needs of Red state residents, such as Oregon is now doing for people from outside Oregon who seek abortions. They should prohibit state funds from being spent in any state that bans abortions or discriminates on the basis of race, ethnicity, or gender. California already bars anyone on a state payroll (including yours truly, who teaches at UC Berkeley) from getting reimbursed for travel to states that discriminate against LGBTQ people (as of now, that list includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, South Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia).

Where will all this end? Not with two separate nations. What America is going through is less like a civil war and more like Brexit — a lumbering, mutual decision to go separate ways on most things but remain connected on a few big things (such as national defense, monetary policy, and civil and political rights). We'll still be America. But we're becoming two versions of America.

The open question is analogous to the one faced by every couple that separates — how will we find ways to be civil toward each other?

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OP-ED

Republicans as 'compassionate consensus builders'? Really?

By E.J. Dionne Jr.
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It's still early, but my nomination for the three most revealing words of the month are "compassionate consensus builder."

That phrase comes from a memo leaked from the National Republican Senatorial Committee, the group charged with helping the GOP win U.S. Senate races. In the wake of Politico's publication of Justice Samuel Alito Jr.'s draft opinion overturning Roe v. Wade, the memo's architects were trying to help Republican candidates protect themselves from the growing backlash.

The committee advises every Republican candidate to "be the compassionate, consensus builder on abortion." The document stresses that most Americans believe "we should care for and support pregnant women in difficult circumstances."

Missing from the memo is anything concrete about what policies offering "care" and "support" might look like. And its use of capital letters in advising Republicans on what they should deny demonstrate the party's defensiveness. It said: "Republicans DO NOT want to take away contraception" and "Republicans DO NOT want to take away mammograms or other health care provided specifically to women." Yes, and they "DO NOT want to throw doctors and women in jail."

The memo makes you wonder if Republicans believe anything they say about abortion. Its implication is that the GOP wants to outlaw the practice but not punish anyone involved. Except with the equivalent of a traffic ticket, maybe?

Yet what legislators in Republican-led states are considering on reproductive issues doesn't square with what GOP pollsters want their candidates to say. Since the Alito draft leaked, state Republican officials have raised all sorts of possibilities, including potentially restricting certain kinds of contraception. In more than a dozen states, abortion would become instantly illegal because of "trigger laws." A bill cleared by a legislative committee in Louisiana before being withdrawn from debate Thursday would have classified abortion as homicide and allowed prosecutors to criminally charge patients.

Most Americans don't see the matter in this light, which is what the NRSC memo concedes. But that fact speaks volumes about where the public — including many who think of themselves as pro-life — really stands.

Still, we should not dismiss the obligation for politicians to be "compassionate consensus builders" as nothing more than a cheap phrase aimed at getting Republicans through a rough patch. As a guide to how politicians should behave, it's an excellent idea. For all our talk about polarization, there is more consensus in the country than we usually recognize, and it is typically a compassionate consensus.

Consider a Morning Consult-Politico poll from December finding that 76% of registered voters favored more funding for home health care for seniors and Americans with disabilities; 71% supported allowing Medicare to negotiate some prescription drug prices; and 63% favored paid family and medical leave for new parents.

Strikingly, each of these proposals won significant support from Republicans: 67% of Republicans favored the home-health care initiative; 62% backed allowing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices; and 48% endorsed paid family and medical leave.

And when it came to direct help for women raising kids — pro-lifers, please take note — 53% of registered voters favored extending the child tax credit for another year, while only 33% were opposed. On this, Republicans were more skeptical, but the credit was still backed by more than one-third of those who identify with or lean toward the GOP.

These proposals were all part of President Joe Biden's Build Back Better agenda. You'd think this would earn Biden praise as a "compassionate consensus builder." His proposals to improve people's lives enjoy broad — in many cases, bipartisan — public support.

We are still awaiting the memo from Republican leaders urging close cooperation with Biden on these ideas.

True, Republicans reached a deal with Biden on infrastructure. Hooray for that. But they showed no inclination to work for consensus on the widely supported measures in BBB. On the contrary, these efforts were called "socialist spending" by House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) and "a massive socialist transformation" by Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.).

There's a reason so many conservative politicians seek to evade debating specific social policies aimed at improving the lives of Americans by dismissing them collectively as "socialism." It's the same reason the right prefers politics to revolve around cultural and religious warfare.

A politics of remedy, focused on programs aimed at solving day-to-day problems, broadly unites the country while splitting the Republican coalition. To avoid such fracturing, the right much prefers to talk about "grooming," critical race theory and that old standby, the other side's alleged "socialism."

A GOP in which compassionate consensus builders played a much larger role would be a great blessing to the country. Alas, despite that memo, the party's interests lie elsewhere.

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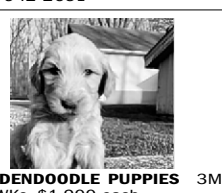

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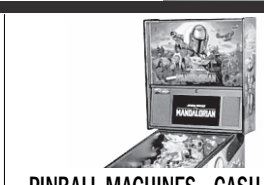

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Interested persons may examine the bid documents at the Engineering Office at Town Hall, 1 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT 06032, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Copies of the bid documents may be obtained at the Finance Office, Town Hall, 1 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT 06032, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except holidays, upon a non-refundable payment of seventy-five dollars ($75.00) for each set obtained. Checks shall be made payable to the Town of Farmington.
A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on May 18, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 1 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT 06032. Questions regarding the project should be addressed in writing to Russell Arnold, Jr., P.E., Director/Town Engineer, Department of Public Works, Town of Farmington, 1 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT 06032 at arnoldr@farmington-ct.org and must be submitted no later than ten (10) calendar days before the bid opening date.
The Town of Farmington reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any or all informalities or technical defects, and to award the contract to the bidder whose bid is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.
This contract is subject to State of Connecticut set-aside and contract compliance requirements, including nondiscrimination statutes and set-aside requirements. State law requires that a minimum of twenty-five (25%) of the state-funded portion of the contract be set-aside for award to subcontractors holding current certification from the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services. The contractor must demonstrate a good faith effort to meet the 25% set-aside goals.
Facsimile and E-mailed bids will not be accepted.
5/11, 5/14/22 7209096

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF AVON, CONNECTICUT
INVITATION FOR BID FOR INSTALLATION OF A "NOTIFIER BY HONEYWELL" FIRE ALARM AND MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM AT PINE GROVE SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH TOWN OF AVON STANDARD
May 13, 2022

The Town of Avon invites sealed bids for the above named project until 10:30 AM on Wednesday, May 25, 2022. At that time, bids will be opened in public and read aloud.

The documents comprising the Invitation for Bid can be found on the Town's website, www.avonct.gov, (under "Find It Fast") Public Bids & RFPs.

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting/Site Visit will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at Pine Grove School, 151 Scoville Road, Avon, CT 06001. Interested bidders must confirm their attendance at the meeting via email, to Grace Tiezzi at gtiezzi@avonct.gov, by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. Technical Specifications and Drawings related to this Invitation for Bid will be distributed to attendees at the time of the meeting.

The Town of Avon reserves the right to amend or terminate this Invitation for Bid, accept all or any part of a bid, reject all bids, waive any informalities or non-material deficiencies in a bid, and award the contract to the lowest bid that meets the criteria set forth in the Invitation for Bid and is in the best interests of the Town.
5/14/2022 7211584

Legal Notice

An Application for Demolition is being filed on or about May 11th, 2022, at the office of the Building Department, City of Middletown, 245 DeKoven Drive, Middletown, CT 06457. The property is owned by Philip J Bennett, 174 Old Road Dr., Middletown, CT 06457
5/11 - 5/17/2022 7209472

Torrington Middle/High School & Central Administration Building
Phase 1 – Building Prep Sitework
Torrington, Connecticut
State Project Numbers: 143-0076 N and 143-0077 BE

1. Sealed proposals for the trade contracts listed below addressed to Ed Arum, Building Committee Chair, 355 Migeon Avenue, Torrington, CT, 06790, will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on the date listed below and then immediately following in the Torrington Board of Education Conference Room, all bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

NOTE: All bids shall be submitted by either of the following methods:
a. Traceable carrier – e.g., FedEx, UPS, registered postal service, courier; OR,
b. Delivered in person to 355 Migeon Avenue, Torrington, CT.

For questions regarding Addenda, or to confirm the bid date, contact Mark Carroll at O&G Industries, Inc. (860) 496-4233 or email markcarroll@ogind.com.

Technical questions, specific questions regarding bidding procedures, project scope and site visits may be directed to Lorel Purcell of O&G Industries, Inc. (860) 626-6418 or email lorelpurcell@ogind.com.

CTDAS Pre-Qualification Necessary	Trade Package	Set-Aside (CHRO)		Bid Due Date
		REQUIRED	GOALS	
Yes *	1.01 – Sitework Enabling Phase		25% SBE & 6.25% MBE	June 2, 2022

*** Note: Any bid in excess of $500,000 IS REQUIRED to be accompanied by the Bidder's CTDAS Update (Bid) Statement, as noted hereafter.** In accordance with C.G.S. 4a-100, 4b-91, and 4b-101, any contractor or subcontractor submitting a bid greater than $500,000 is required to submit their DAS Update (Bid) Statement with their bid. Failure to submit this item with the bid will result in disqualification of the bidder. All subcontractors must be pre-qualified at the time of performance of their work. If you have any questions regarding these requirements contact CTDAS, at telephone number (860) 713-5280 or visit their web site at www.das.state.ct.us.
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Hartford
Charles Burlingham Jr.
Katherine M Cascio
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Robert W. Cardin
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Wethersfield
Katherine M Cascio
Amelia H. Klein
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*** Denotes name listing only.**
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Cardin, Robert W.

Robert Wilfred Cardin, 92, of Tolland, peacefully left this earth for his heavenly home, surrounded by his adoring family, May 10, 2022. Beloved husband of 59 years to Catherine M. (Jones) Cardin, he was born to Rosario Cardin and (Mary Jane) RoseBruneau in Blackstone, MA.

Bob is survived by his loving wife Catherine and his children; Robert J. Cardin and his wife Mary Beth of Glastonbury, Mary B. Cardin and her husband Michael V. Taft of Ellington, Catherine M. Noble and her husband Norman of West Suffield, Michael J. Cardin and his wife Kristie of Ellington, Joseph P. Cardin and his wife Pamela of Saco, Maine. He also leaves to mourn him his grandchildren: Bobby andDaniel Cardin, Joseph Taft, Jack Cardin, Caitlin and Meghan Cardin, Sean Noble; and his bonus grandchildren Christie Taft Ecott, Dan Ecott and Finley; Paul and Lynn Taft and Paul and Brianna Taft; and Chelsea, Dalton, Mason, Halei and Hunter Frey.

Bob is also survived by his siblings; Helena Gannon of Saco, Maine, Marilyn Cormier of East Hartford, Roland Cardinand his wife Patricia of Tolland, Rosemary Brener and her husband Howard of Manchester, and many nieces and nephewsand their families. Bob was predeceased by his parents, brothers-in-law Howard Morey, Robert Cormier and Ray Gannon, sisters-in-law Mary J. Morey and Dorothy O'Sullivan, R.C., nephew Jack Morey and niece Anne Gannon.

Bob was a 'depression baby', and learned to work at a young age, including picking and selling apples with his father in the tenement neighborhoods, and collecting money due for milk deliveries. Bob was a proud 1948 graduate of Thornton Academy, Saco, ME, where he balanced working second shift at the textile mills while playing football, basketball and track. His post-high school adventures included travelling with carnivals working the games of chance, before he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served his country with the 802ndEngineer/Aviation Battalion during the Korean Conflict.

Bob returned to live in East Hartford,and family lore is that he and Catherine met playing nickel poker at a friend's house. They married in 1962 and their love was deep and abiding. Together, they created a beautiful life for their kids and grandkids. Bob and Kay loved travel and time with family including at Bayview and Kinney Shores, Acadia National Park/Bar Harbor, Gettysburg, and the National Parks out West. The house Bob built is full of memories of cousins' visits and holiday parties for neighbors and friends. Bob loved the natural world, birds, coin collecting, Civil War History, and enjoyed UConn Women's Basketball, the Boston Red Sox and Celtics, and the New England Patriots. And while Kay spent hours in old book stores, he patiently walked the sidewalks, smoking a cigar and chatting with anyone he might meet. Bob always loved meeting and talking with people. In his late 80s he found great joy in regular walks on the indoor track in the companionship of his brother Roland, and raved about their post-walk coffee and breakfast sandwiches.

Bob worked hard all his life. He was a master carpenter who always strove for perfection. He and his best man partnered as Sherwood & Cardin in the 1960's, building many custom homes in Windsor Locks and Suffield; Bob continued working (R.W. Cardin Builder, Inc.) as a builder into the 1980s.

In 1980, Bob was honored as Citizen of the Year for his many contributions to the Tolland community. He coached for Tolland Little League for over a decade; he served as Boy Scout Pack Master and District Commissioner; in 2005, Bob was recognized by the No. CT Chapter of the Nat'l Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame for his Advancement of Youth Football. He was instrumental in Tolland and Eastern CT Football, serving as Coach, President of Tolland Midget and Pony Football, and Comm'r of Eastern CT Midget and Pony Conference. Bob served on the Tolland Town Council for 10 years, presiding as Chairman for four; he is remembered for being fair and measured. For many years, Bob was the smiling face greeting parishioners Sunday mornings, as part of the Hospitality Ministry at St. Matthew Catholic Church.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all who cared for him when he was in need, especially Maelynn,Chrissy, the staff of Hughes Health in West Hartford (especially on Southwest), and the St. Matthew home ministry team.

Family and friends may gather at the Tolland Memorial Funeral Home, 375 Merrow Road in Tolland on Sunday, May 15 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm; A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Matthew's Church, 111 Tolland Green in Tolland on Monday, May 16 at 10 am, followed by burial with military honors at Valley View Cemetery, 355 Baxter Road in Tolland. The family respectfully requests that masks be worn. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to FriendsofAcadia.org; the Headmasters'Student Assistance Fund at thorntonacademy.org; or to the Hospitality Ministry of BlessedSacramentCT.org. For online condolences please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com.

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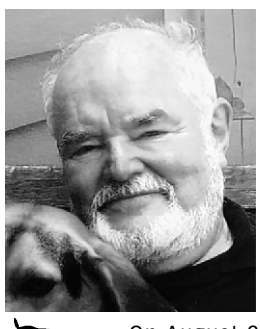
OBITUARIES

Burlingham Jr., Charles



Charles Burlingham, Jr., known to all as Charlie, died Wednesday, April 6, 2022, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was 92 years old.
Born January 6, 1930, in New York City to Charles and Cora Weir Burlingham, he attended The Buckley School and The Diller-Quaile School of Music in NYC, Brooks School in North Andover, MA, and Harvard University ('51).
On August 31, 1951, he joined the Navy, ultimately to graduate from Officer Candidate School, and Anti-Submarine Warfare School. He served during the Korean War as a Navigation Officer and Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer on the USS Miller DD-535, a Fletcher-class destroyer. He was stationed in Sasebo, Japan. He traveled aboard ship, visiting ports in the Philippines, Burma, Ceylon, Bombay, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Singapore, Suez, Naples, Gibraltar, and back to Newport, about 30,000 nautical miles in all. When on leave, he traveled with shipmates to Algeria, Cherbourg, Paris and London.
After the war, he returned to Boston, and to his studies, completing his law degree at Boston University in 1959, and launching a professional legal career that would span four decades.
Charlie was married twice: in 1956, to Priscilla Dunphy; and in 1973, to Adair M. Storey. Together, Charlie and Adair would raise seven children: Robin and Nicholas Burlingham, and Adair's daughters Barbara, Mary (Mimi), Susan, Eliza, and Alice Storey.
He was a lover of literature, especially Shakespeare, and poetry--much of it memorized from childhood (Kipling, Keats, Shelley, Housman, Masefield, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, to name just a few). He collected stamps and coins from age 8, which sparked his lifelong love of history and a seemingly insatiable appetite for works on the British Empire and the American Civil War. He was also an accomplished musician, a formidable tennis player, an avid sports fan, and a patron of the arts. As the grandson of American impressionist J. Alden Weir, he organized and championed Weir Farm, Connecticut's first National Historic Park, as well as the Weir Farm Art Alliance and its Artist-in-Residence program, all sited on his grandfather's land in Wilton, Connecticut. His own watercolors reflected his love of those pastoral places where he and his brother spent many happy days.
In his youth, Charlie spent summers with family at Old Black Point in Niantic, Connecticut, playing tennis, swimming in the ocean, and fishing with friends at the old crab bridge. Generous and warm, he shared his love for OBP with generations, encouraging his children and grandchildren to enjoy the same summer fun and inspiring an ever-growing OBP household to learn tennis and sing Sunday hymns.
A gifted pianist, he played a vast array of music from Bach and Chopin to Gershwin, Joplin, Cole Porter, Tin Pan Alley, Gilbert & Sullivan and Broadway musicals, and popular songs from the 1930s and beyond, regaling friends and family with spontaneous renditions, providing attentive accompaniment to those who would sing along with him. He could play almost anything by ear.
He formed and cherished many friendships, some lasting nine decades. He and Adair always welcomed family and friends (and their children's friends, and grandchildren's friends) from far and near to their homes in Cambridge and OBP.
In his later years, he transcribed ancestral Weir family letters, researched genealogy, and published an endearing memoir. Master of the shaggy dog story, his deft humor and turn of phrase always made us laugh. He loved music and food, books, movies, Boston sports teams, and dogs. Charlie was loved by many.
He was pre-deceased by his parents, his brother William Carlin, his wife Adair, and step-daughters Mary and Alice. He is survived by his two children and their spouses, Robin (An-yi Pan) and Nicholas (Camille L. Burlingham), step-daughters Barbara McGrath (John), Susan Frank (Jon Eder), and Eliza Anderson (Michael), his grandchildren Caroline and Colin Burlingham, and Julian and Aidan Pan, his nephew Bayard Carlin, his niece Lisa Quinn (Thomas), their daughter Jessica Larkin (Daniel) and their children, fourteen step-grandchildren, twelve step-great-grandchildren, and his beloved beagle Max.
Service: Harvard Memorial Church (Cambridge, MA), Friday June 10, 2022, 11:00am. Reception to follow.
In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Weir Farm Art Alliance, 735 Nod Hill Rd.,
Wilton, CT 06897 (www.weirfarmartalliance.org).

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Cascio, Katherine M (Ahern)

Katherine Marjorie (Ahern) Cascio, 70, of Wethersfield, CT, passed away on Thursday March 24, 2022 surrounded by her family at a hospice house in Venice, FL after a long battle with Dementia/Alzheimer's disease. Marge is survived by her husband of over 50 years, Ralph, and their sons: Ryan Cascio of Englewood, FL; and SMSgt (USAF) Jeffrey Cascio and his wife Michelle, and six grandsons, Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.nationalcremation.com, search Katherine Cascio.
A celebration of life will be held at the Wethersfield Evangelical Free Church at 511 Maple St, Wethersfield, CT. on Saturday May 14, 2022 at 3PM.

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Klein, Amelia H (Ozimek)

Amelia "Midge" (Ozimek) Klein widow of her beloved Fred Klein departed this life May 12, 2022.
Born January 7, 1926 in East Hartford (Class of 1943) and lived in Wethersfield since 1965.
Retired from Connecticut Bank & Trust in 1986, Volunteered at Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center, and a charter member of Wethersfield taxpayers assoc.
Midge thoroughly enjoyed retirement in Old Saybrook for many long Summers.
She leaves her son Glen Schultz and wife Colleen, grandchildren Jeffrey Schultz and wife Alicia, Tanya Shuckerow, Crystal Colon and husband J.D., Jessica Schultz, Patrick Kana and wife Grace, great grandchildren Kayla, Olivia, Amber, Maeve, Charlotte, Landon, Nathan, Roman, nephews Richard Ozimek, Robert Murphy and wife Gigi, niece Elizabeth Schultz, and several grandnieces and grandnephews.
Donations in her memory can be made to The CT. Humane Society, 70 Russell Rd. Newington, CT. 06111.
Internment will be private and held at Rose Hill Memorial Park in Rocky Hill, CT.

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Annino, Louis (Lou) J.

Louis (Lou) J. Annino of East Berlin, CT and Clermont, Florida passed away into eternity on May 10, 2022 with his beloved family at his side. Born and raised in Middletown Connecticut, he was the son of Louis J. Annino Sr. and Florence Rose Troy Annino.
A streetwise self-made entrepreneur, Mr. Annino was the founder and owner of Access Transportation Solutions in Glastonbury until his retirement in 2015.
In earlier years, he also operated Ambulances, Limousines, Taxi Cabs, and School buses throughout the greater Hartford area.
He was the founding member and a past president of the Hartford Area Limousine Operators. He sat on various EMS Councils when Connecticut was developing its current EMS system.
While he spent his entire adult life in different forms of transportation, his first passion always remained the safe Transportation of School children with special needs.
He sat on ad-hoc committees for the Department of Motor Vehicles which helped to develop many practices that govern the transportation of Connecticut's school children.
His dedication to safe school transportation, led to him being asked to serve as a State of Connecticut delegate for Special Needs Student transportation. Lou sat on the board for the National Congress on School Transportation in 2010 and 2015.
With a passion for classic cars, Lou was a proud owner of a 1970 442 Olds "his baby", which he kept in mint condition. He was an active member of the New England Oldsmobile Club and the National Oldsmobile Club of America.
Most importantly, Lou was a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. He leaves behind his loving wife Donna, his beloved daughters Holly Annino Green and husband Garfield of Clermont, Florida; Brande Davidson and husband Lance of Vancouver, Canada, Sharlene Thomson and husband Gene Thomson of Cochrane, Canada, and stepson Guybert (Tig) Sirois of St. Joseph, Canada. His beloved granddaughter he called Pumpkin Makayla Madison Green of Clermont Florida, and grandsons Gunnar Foster and Hunter Thomson of Cochrane, Canada, and his loyal dogs Chumlee and Bailey.
Lou leaves behind his only sibling John Annino and wife Jo-Anne of Newington, Connecticut, extended family throughout the USA and Canada.
Also remembered are his dearest and closest friends Pamela Myjak of Rockfall CT and Donald Procko of Mason's Island Mystic, CT.
It was Lou's wish that any memorial tributes be made in the form of donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Autism Speaks Organization, or Shriner's Hospitals.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, May 19th at 9 a.m. from the Coughlin-Lastrina Funeral Home, 491 High St., Middletown followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Sebastian Church at 10 a.m. Burial will be in the family plot in St. Sebastian Cemetery, Middlefield. Friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday, May 18th from 5 to 7 p.m.

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Gallo, Ronald

Ronald T. Gallo of The Villages, Florida, passed away on May 9, 2022. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105 and Shriners Hospital for Children Attn: Office of Development 2900 Rocky Point Drive Tampa, FL 33607. Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory, Lady Lake, FL. Online condolences may be shared at www.BeyersFuneralHome.com

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Urso, Carmen A.

Carmen A. Urso, 85, passed away peacefully on May 10, 2022. He was born on October 15, 1936 in New Britain, CT. Carmen was a graduate of New Britain High School. He served in Korea as a member of The United States Army and worked as a planner for the Connecticut State Department of Transportation. He was the owner and operator of Mr. Carmen's Coiffeur's in New Britain. Throughout the years, Carmen enjoyed his membership in multiple service clubs including the Varpas Club of New Britain, The Berlin Knights of Columbus, and The Italian Political Independent Club of Kensington. He was involved in his community and volunteered his time coaching Berlin Youth League Baseball, supporting Berlin High School Athletic Boosters, and as Scout Master. Carmen loved being social and staying active and did so by participating in softball, bowling, and golf leagues. He was the Red Sox baseball team's biggest fan. His hearty laugh and brilliant smile will be missed by friends and family from their homes in CT and Naples, FL alike. He was kind and always the life of the party. Many decades later, his former players still remember their baseball coach fondly.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Elizabeth Urso; sons, Christopher and his partner Diane Hayden, Salvatore and his partner JoAnn Angelico-Stetson, Rocco and his wife Jamie; grandchildren, Brooke, Cole, Casey, Nina, Carly, Gabriella, and Nicholas, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Concetta, father Salvatore, brother Sebastian and niece Marianne Darling.

Calling hours will take place on Monday, May 16th 5:00pm – 8:00pm at the Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home of Berlin, 111 Chamberlain Highway, Kensington.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 17th at 10:00am at St. Pius X Church 310 Westfield St., Middletown. The family requests joining them directly at the church Tuesday morning. The mass will be followed by a burial with military honors at St. Mary's Cemetery on Stanley St. in New Britain.

Carmen's family would like to thank the staff at Avery Heights for their compassionate care during his illness.

To share a memory with family, please visit: https://www.ericksonhansenberlin.com/

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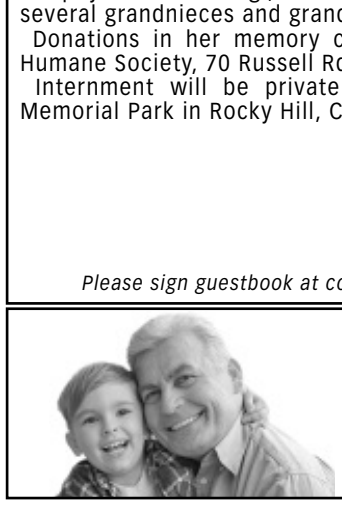

OBITUARIES

Lausier, Patrick R

Patrick R. Lausier of South Windsor passed away peacefully at the age of 94 on February 6, 2022, and joined the love of his life and dance partner of 71 years, Gertrude (Legassie) Lausier.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 11 a.m. meeting directly at St. Margaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes Rd., South Windsor. Burial will follow with Military Honors at Wapping Cemetery in South Windsor. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Moskey, Edward A.

Edward Anthony Moskey, 88, of Portland, beloved husband of Ann (Larson) Moskey, passed away in the early evening of Wednesday May 11, 2022. He was surrounded by his caring wife of nearly 64 years and family members. He was born in Middletown, son of the late Joseph and Mary (Kuzaro) Moskey. Ed was a proud veteran serving with the US Army and was employed with then United Technologies Pratt & Whitney and International Fuel Cells for a combined service career of over 45 years, prior to his retirement. Besides his wife Ann, Ed is survived by his son David Moskey and his wife Lorraine of Bolton, daughter Jane Harrington and her husband Joe of Shrewsbury, MA, daughter Diane Coleman and her husband Michael of Portland and son Dan Moskey and his wife Maria of Apex, NC. Ed was also blessed with ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, whom he adored. Tim, Sarah, Chris, Molly, Matt, Kelly, Kenny, Katie, Jessica, Kevin, Ryley, Claire, Bodhi and Annie. Ed also leaves his brothers Frank, Ted, and sister, BettyAnn. Ed was predeceased by his brother, Joe and sisters, Genevieve and Regina. We also would like to acknowledge some of Ed's extended family– Jane (Pete) Mathieu, John & Marcia Larson, Ann & Bill Curry. The Funeral Liturgy will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Portland. Burial with military honors will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Portland. Calling hours will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St. Middletown. Those who wish may send memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association @ act.alz.org or Middlesex Hospital Hospice Unit. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com. The good Lord willing and the creek don't rise – we will all be together again.

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Savonis, John J.

John Joseph Savonis, Jr., 54, of Windsor Locks, beloved husband of Jo-Ann Pinto-Savonis, passed away on Monday, May 9, 2022. John was born in Hartford, to the late Margaret (Hitchcock) and John Savonis, Sr. He grew up in West Hartford, graduated from Conard High School and has lived in Windsor Locks with his family for the past 28 years. John was a retired surveyor with the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation. He especially loved to attend the local car shows and was an active member of United Methodist Church, West Hartford.

Besides his wife Jo-Ann, John leaves behind his stepdaughter Nicole Loos and husband John; sister, Darlene M. Savonis; grandchildren, William and Haleigh Loos; nephew, Derek Benson and niece Demaris Savonis.

Funeral and Burial Services are private. Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford has care of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to the Connecticut Children's Foundation, 282 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106 or at https://give.connecticutchildrens.org. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com.

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Stimpson, Theresa M.

Theresa M. (Frank) Stimpson, 98, of Wethersfield, loving wife of the late Robert D. Stimpson, peacefully passed away on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. Theresa was born September 16, 1923 and raised in Hartford, one of five children to the late Michael E. and Camilla (Piccolo) Frank. She attended Hartford schools and was a graduate of Bulkeley High School, class of 1941, but she settled in Wethersfield, where she lived for more than 50 years. Prior to her retirement, Theresa was a dedicated employee of Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. as an Executive Secretary. Theresa and Robert loved to travel the world and did so in first class style. She was an avid follower of UCONN Women's Basketball. A devout Catholic, Theresa was a longtime parishioner of the Church of the Incarnation, Wethersfield.

Theresa will be dearly missed and forever remembered by her two nephews, Ralph J. Frank and wife Barbara T. Burke of Naples, FL and Glastonbury and Peter Coughlin and wife Shirley of Terryville, her niece, Judith C. Plourde and husband Allan of Henderson, NV and her cousin, Elaine Hoye and husband Terry of Glastonbury. In addition to her husband and parents, Theresa was predeceased by her four siblings, Marie, Paul, Phyllis and Ralph Sr.

Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family. Donations in Theresa's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. The D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, Wethersfield has been entrusted with the arrangements. To share a memory of Theresa with her family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

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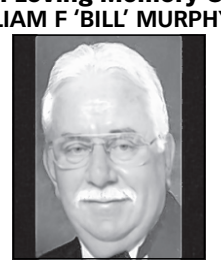

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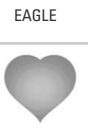
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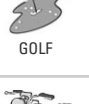
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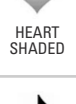
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Farmington chief of police hired as Avon police chief

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Farmington Chief of Police Paul Melanson confirmed on Thursday that he will become Avon's new chief of police on July 2.

Melanson will take over for Jim Rio, a former Farmington police chief who came out of retirement in November 2019 to serve as the director of police services for the Avon Police Department, officials in Farmington and Avon also confirmed. He will make $154,500 per year.

Avon began the search for a new chief in January, Avon Town Manager Brandon Robertson said, and it quickly honed in on Melanson as the top choice out of a pool of about six candidates.

Melanson, according to Robertson, meets all the criteria he was looking for in a new police chief to head up the 34-officer department.

"His reputation precedes him," Robertson said. "He is a top professional. ... He's got a stellar track record. ... He's got a good understanding of the needs of the Farmington Valley. He's a very well-known and respected quantity."

Years ago, Melanson was told by another police chief that it's always "good to leave a place while you're still wanted."

"I thought that was very telling for a chief," Melanson, 53, who has served as the town's police chief for 13 years, said.

Robertson praised Rio's tenure with the town, saying Rio not only provided a stabilizing presence to the department but also advanced some of its goals. Rio took the Avon job following the abrupt retirement of former Chief of Police Mark Rinaldo, who left the department under murky circumstances following a 21-year career with the depart-

Farmington Police Chief Paul Melanson, shown with Farmington officers in October, will lead the Avon Police Department beginning in July. **FILE**

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Connecticut's new chief state's attorney sworn in

Retired Supreme Court Justice Lubbie Harper Jr. swears in Patrick Griffin as the new chief state's attorney on Friday morning during a ceremony at the New Haven County Courthouse. **SEAN FOWLER PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Connecticut's new chief state's attorney was sworn in Friday during a ceremony at the New Haven County Courthouse.

Patrick Griffin, a career prosecutor and most recently the New Haven state's attorney, was appointed to the role Thursday by the state's Criminal Justice Commission.

Griffin takes over the role at time when, he said, the "morale of the division was the worst it has been" in his 27 years of employment there, due to a number of challenges, including the recent retirement of Richard Colangelo.

Colangelo, who left the position at the end of March, retired rather than face an investigation that could have led to his firing. Colangelo is accused of hiring the daughter of former Office of Policy and Management Deputy Secretary Konstantinos Diamantis as one of his executive assistants, while Colangelo was trying to get Diamantis to approve raises for himself and the 13 other state's attorneys.

In addition to the shadow cast by those accusations, the division faced disruption due to COVID and a wave of retirements, Griffin said during his interview for the position.

"There's hundreds of years of experience and institutional knowledge that has left and is difficult to replace," Griffin said.

The moment also offers an opportunity to bring new energy to the division, he said. He also hopes to bring a more uniform approach to sentencing modification. Griffin has been the state's attorney in New Haven since 2016. Before that, he ran the cold case unit at the chief state's attorney's office in Rocky Hill.

A CTMirror report by Dave Altimari is included.

Patrick Griffin, second from left, speaks with his wife Gina Griffin and sons Jake and Robert on Friday morning at the New Haven County Courthouse in New Haven.

Did Lamont offer the largest tax cut in state history?

By Keith M. Phaneuf
CT Mirror

When Gov. Ned Lamont first declared that his new budget delivers the largest tax hike in state history, two things happened.

One, his budget director acknowledged that tax cuts ordered by Gov. John G. Rowland and the 1995 General Assembly were in the same neighborhood.

Second, and more important, Lamont touched off a debate likely to continue through Election Day.

Simply put, how much relief did he and state legislators authorize, and was it sufficient relative to more than history? And more importantly, does it meet the needs of households and businesses battered by two years of the coronavirus?

The more than $660 million in aid offered over the next year represents a fraction of the $8 billion in budget reserves the state expects to have by June 30 — none of which includes hundreds of millions of dollars in federal pandemic relief Lamont hasn't spent yet.

"Everybody always promises to cut taxes, then, when push comes to shove, you don't get it done," Lamont said Monday when he signed a $24.2 billion budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

"What we've done," the governor added, "is a way of telling the people of Connecticut: 'We get it. It's a tough inflationary environment. We're doing everything we can to make this state more affordable."

Lamont's tax relief versus history

Lamont's tally tops $700 million when considering a $40 million business tax rebate program that starts in the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Can any other governor and legislature match that relief package?

Office of Policy and Management Secretary Jeffrey Beckham conceded shortly before the House of Representatives approved the tax relief last week that it had at least one rival in history.

Rowland, a Republican, pledged in his 1994 gubernatorial campaign to phase out the state income tax enacted — to much public outrage — three years earlier. But he quickly discovered the state's finances, reeling from massive long-term debt and an early 1990s recession that crippled the defense industry, couldn't balance without it.

Instead, along with a GOP-led Senate and a Democrat-controlled House, Rowland lowered the income tax rate from 4.5% to 3% on baseline earnings — the first $10,000 for singles and $20,000 for couples; launched a new $100 income tax credit to offset property taxes; and ordered a 9-year phase-out of the inheritance tax starting in July 1997. The tax rebates Rowland was known for didn't begin until 1998.

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Judge again extends deadline for disbarred divorce lawyer to comply

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

After a disbarred divorce lawyer failed to meet the deadline to explain why she has not complied with court instructions concerning the closing of her law practice and $30,000 of a client's money, Judge Thomas Moukawsher filed a 24-hour extension. On Friday, he again extended that deadline, until Monday at 3 p.m., according to a court official.

Nickola Cunha, a divorce lawyer, was disbarred in January for making alleged antisemitic claims about a conspiracy to control the state court system. She was ordered to close her practice and not withdraw money from client trust accounts, though she reportedly did anyway.

Cunha, who is being represented by attorney Norm Pattis, did not show up to a hearing scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday before Moukawsher and did not comply with court instructions on Thursday.

The judge had issued a capias order to take effect at 3 p.m. Thursday — meaning she had until 3 p.m. to comply — but on Thursday filed a 24-hour extension, according to court records.

Cunha was ordered to comply by 3 p.m. Friday or be brought into court by marshals, according to court officials.

Her attorney, Pattis, did not return requests for comment on Thursday.

Cunha was disbarred in January for the maximum, allowable period of five years for persisting in asserting antisemitic claims about a judicial conspiracy. Moukawsher ordered Cunha to pay a $1,000 contempt fine for ignoring his

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Baristas at West Hartford Starbucks to begin voting on union representation

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Baristas at a West Hartford Starbucks will soon begin voting on whether to be represented by a union, joining co-workers in scores of other stores in the coffee shop chain taking the first step to negotiate wages and other conditions of employment.

The election at the Corbins Corner site is by mail and begins May 23, Kuzco Gong, an employee and union activist, said Friday. A count is scheduled for 1 p.m. June 9, with results likely later that afternoon, a spokeswoman for the National Labor Relations Board said.

If successful, it will be the first unionized Starbucks in Connecticut.

Twenty-one workers are eligible to vote, Gong said.

Employees are represented by Workers United, an affiliate of the Service Employees International Union. Workers have complained about reduced hours, understaffing and struggles to meet the minimum 20 hours a week for benefits.

Newer baristas at the West Hartford Starbucks start at $14.50 an hour, but many senior baristas are still paid about the same, Gong said. Workers believe $20 an hour for starting baristas is fair.

Chief Executive Officer Howard Schultz told industry analysts May 4 on a conference call to discuss second-quarter financial results that a union contract "will not even come close to what Starbucks offers." Starbucks has a "constantly expanding list of wages and benefits," he said.

The NLRB says workers at 84 Starbucks have voted on unionization, with 69 backing a union and nine rejecting organized labor. Votes at six coffee shops are being challenged.

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Feds: Man charged with child pornography offenses free on bond

Norwalk resident on electronic monitoring

Staff report

A Norwalk man who has been charged by federal criminal complaint with child pornography offenses is free on a $100,000 bond and under electronic monitoring, according to federal authorities.

Jake Scott Flewellyn, 24, surrendered to law enforcement and appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge S. Dave Vatti in Bridgeport this week, then was released, according to federal authorities.

The case began when National Center for Missing and Exploited Children received a report in December 2021 from the provider of the smartphone messaging application Kik about a Kik user who was allegedly distributing videos of child pornography through its service, federal authorities said in a statement, citing allegations contained in court documents.

Kik deactivated the user's account, the statement said, and in early April 2022, "while federal law enforcement was investigating this matter to determine the Kik user's identity, Kik submitted to NCMEC another report of a user account that was being used to distribute videos of child pornography," federal authorities said in the statement. The investigation revealed that Flewellyn allegedly "created both Kik accounts and used them to distribute images and videos depicting child sex abuse," the statement said.

The complaint charges Flewellyn with distribution of child pornography and accessing with intent to view child pornography, the statement said.

The case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with the assistance of the Norwalk Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Robert S. Dearington and Neeraj N. Patel, according to federal authorities.

To report cases of child exploitation, visit www.cybertipline.com.

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orders. A trustee was appointed to close her law practice and the judicial branch's chief disciplinary officer is looking into what happened to the $30,000 and other client funds that are supposed to be held in trust.

"If she hasn't provided the information sought before the hearing, the court will consider other steps to ensure compliance, including possible additional monetary sanctions, incarceration to secure compliance, or both," Moukawsher wrote in a decision.

Cunha is appealing the disbarment.

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Forty-nine elections have been certified for a union to represent the workers, the NLRB said.

The stores involved represent a small fraction of the 9,861 company-operated Starbucks stores in North America as of last Oct. 31, according to the company's 2021 annual report.

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Feds: Granby man pleads guilty to fraud related to Hartford company

Staff report

A Granby man waived his right to be indicted and pleaded guilty Thursday in federal court to fraud and tax offenses stemming from his embezzlement of funds from his employer, according to federal authorities.

David McManus, 56, who is free on $50,000 bond pending sentencing, agreed to pay full restitution to his former employer, as well as back taxes, interest and penalties, according to federal authorities.

McManus was the chief financial officer for a Hartford-based company for nearly 14 years, federal authorities said in a statement, citing court documents and statements made in court.

McManus embezzled approximately $433,584 from the company between 2012 and 2018, "by using company funds to pay off his personal credit card expenses, and by issuing reimbursements to himself for personal expenses unrelated to the company," federal authorities said in the statement, "McManus also filed federal income tax returns that omitted the embezzled income for the 2015 through 2018 tax years, resulting in a tax loss of $104,094 to the IRS."

McManus pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud, which carries a maximum term of up to 20 years in prison, and one count of tax evasion, which carries a maximum term of up to 5 years in prison, the statement said.

McManus is scheduled to be sentenced by U.S. District Judge Sarah A. L. Merriam on Aug. 8.

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ment.

"I can't say enough superlatives about Jim Rio," Robertson said. "He was there when we needed him, he really saw the department and the town through a difficult period between dealing with COVID, some of the issues we dealt with after the murder of George Floyd back in the summer of 2020. Jim has just been a godsend and we wish him all the best. ...

"Jim is a consummate professional and the department benefited significantly through his experience and his steady hand."

Farmington officials praised Melanson for his 13 years of service to the town.

"Chief Melanson has been a tremendous asset to our town and I wish him great success in his new position," Town Council Chairman C.J. Thomas said. "I am confident our next chief will continue the long tradition of excellence our police department has in serving Farmington and Unionville."

"We are grateful for his leadership and service to the Town of Farmington for the past 13 years," Town Manager Kathy Blonski added in a statement. "The town of Farmington has a spectacular police department. Our officers engage with the Farmington community every day with dedication and professionalism. We remain well-positioned to continue to provide a high level of service to the residents of Farmington."

Blonski, who has the authority to hire Melanson's replacement, said the first step in Farmington's search for a new chief will begin with internal candidates.

"We have a very strong and experienced command staff at the police department," Blonski said.

Melanson, a Simsbury resident who served in the West Hartford police department for 20 years prior to becoming chief in Farmington, said the decision to leave was not an easy one, but that the Avon post is an opportunity to make his mark on another police department before he retires.

"I worked at two of some of the best police agencies in the state," Melanson said. "And I've loved both of them and have learned from both of them and enjoyed them. Now I'm getting to that point where I probably have one more in me and I'm hoping I can make some positive inroads in the Avon police department. There's an opportunity. They've been under a director, Jim Rio, whom I know well. I think the police officers I heard were looking forward to some stabilization."

While he cited some high-profile cases through the years — last year's plane crash at Trumpf on Hyde Road, officers making an arrest in a recent homicide at Sunset Terrace and Farmington detectives solving a case involving a man wanted by the New York Police Department — Melanson said the most rewarding part of the job has been seeing his officers help out residents with day-to-day matters.

"Eighty percent of our job is just serving people, whether it be unlocking cars, helping people change tires, or if you're having an issue with one of your kids and you need someone to talk to them," Melanson said. "Those are the things these officers excel at. ...

"It's been so rewarding, which makes it so difficult to leave such a great group," he said. "On the flip side, I look to the opportunity and go and try to potentially make my mark on another agency."

He said he had great relationships with Blonski, the town council, and various town departments and agencies, as well as the support from the community.

"They say the average life of a chief is five years; it's been 13 years here," Melanson said. "All great things. I look back and I have nothing but fond memories."

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"They're pretty close, but we think ours is larger," Beckham said of the 1995 plan.

At the time, those changes were projected to save taxpayers $166.4 million by 1996-97. Adjusted for inflation, that's worth $304.7 million now.

But one fiscal year later, once the inheritance tax phase-out began, the total tax relief reached $222.5 million, or nearly $382 million in present dollars. And the inheritance tax phase-out continued to expand.

That's significant, because while Lamont wins the contest in terms of first-year relief, Rowland moved ahead in recurring value.

Lamont and his fellow Democrats in the legislature's majority focused most of their relief on Connecticut's middle class.

The package features a new $250-per-child state income tax rebate that will provide $125 million to low- and middle-income families.

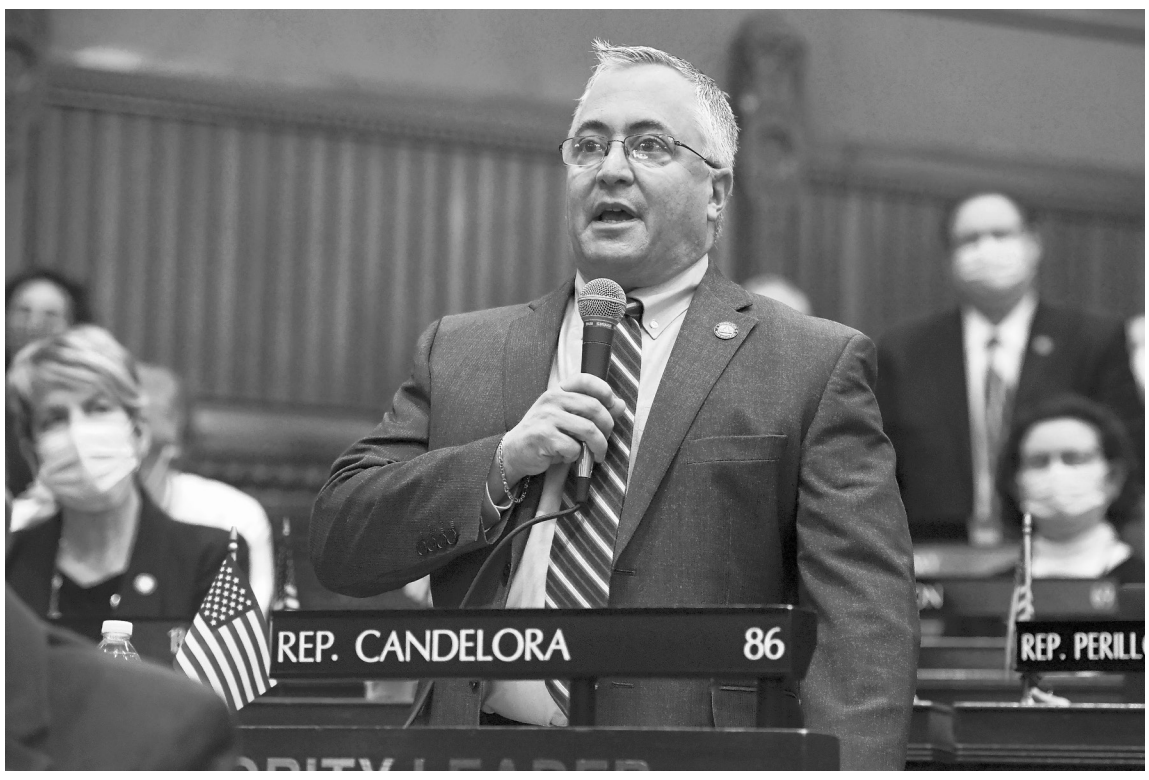
It boosts the income tax credit that offsets municipal property tax bills from $200 to $300, and it allows seniors and families without kids to claim the credit for the first time since 2017.

The cap on municipal car taxes drops this summer from 45 mills to 32.46 (one mill generates $1 for every $1,000 of assessed property). That will save households in more than 70 communities an estimated $100 million, and the state will send a matching amount to cities and towns to offset what they will lose from the new cap.

A gas tax holiday that began in April and was supposed to end June 30 will continue for the first five months of the new fiscal year, sparing motorists until Dec. 1 from the 25-cents-per-gallon retail fuel tax. That's a projected savings of $150 million.

Other relief includes: roughly $300 extra for close to 200,000 working poor families that claim the state's Earned Income Tax Credit; exempting pension and annuity earnings from the income tax; a new credit for companies that help employees with student loans; and $40 million to mitigate a $490 million debt in the unemployment insurance trust — an obligation businesses otherwise must cover.

In contrast to the Rowland budget, about $364 million or 55% of the tax relief offered in the latest budget expires after this fiscal year. The child tax rebate and extra funds for the working poor go away. The fuel tax holiday and the payment that covers unemployment trust debt are, by definition, one-time aid as well.



Connecticut House Minority Leader Vincent Candelora, R-North Branford, speaks during the opening session at the State Capitol in Hartford in February. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

"What it is is a bumper sticker," said House Minority Leader Vincent J. Candelora, R-North Branford. While House and Senate Republicans also endorsed some one-time relief — an extended fuel tax holiday, a temporary sales tax cut and a bailout for the unemployment trust — they also pitched the state's first income tax rate cut since Rowland's in 1995.

"What's upsetting is we had an opportunity to make the systemic change that's needed," Candelora said, adding the Democratic tax relief plan "was an easy 'no' vote for Republicans when you look at what they have structured."

Rowland's tax relief came with very expensive fine print

But House Speaker Matt Ritter, D-Hartford, warned this week against comparing one tax relief package with another, noting that everyone's definition of relief is different.

Last June, Democrats approved municipal aid increases worth more than $350 million to cities and towns across this fiscal year and next combined. Many would argue that helped communities avoid property tax hikes, Ritter noted, but it generally is viewed as a state expenditure, not a tax cut.

"When you play that game, you can do it a lot of different ways," the speaker said.

Rowland and the 1995 legislature largely are remembered now for playing dangerous games with the budget that yielded their tax relief plan. Almost $155 million or two-thirds of the tax cut was paid for by reducing contributions to the state employees' pension fund below the minimum required level . Unions also agreed to this arrangement, but leaders have said they otherwise risked layoffs.

A 2010 state study group concluded the back-loaded system allowed government in the 1990s and 2000s to avoid fiscal challenges — and leave future generations of taxpayers to cover billions of dollars in overdue contributions and lost investment earnings.

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and the 2012 legislature would undo those changes, but Connecticut's $40 billion in pension debt is among the highest, per capita, in the nation.

Lamont's tax relief was a fraction of state's fiscal windfall

But defenders of the 1995 tax plan note, without endorsing the pension gimmicks, that Rowland and lawmakers back then had few other options to pump money back into the state's economy.

Connecticut was slowly recovering from the recession of the early 1990s. Rowland inherited an empty rainy day fund, and the state still hadn't finished paying off almost $1 billion in operating debt it ran up in 1991.

Lamont, on the other hand, had tax-cutting options galore.

He enjoyed a $3.1 billion rainy day fund and a mind-blowing, $4.8 billion surplus — three times the previous top surplus and almost one-quarter of the General Fund. Nonpartisan fiscal analysts said the state could have ordered nearly $1 billion more in tax relief than it had this spring, and still complied with federal limits on tax cuts for states that accepted emergency pandemic relief.

And while Lamont expressed concerns about the national economy going forward, analysts for both the legislature and his own budget office are projecting revenue growth that would yield surpluses for the next three fiscal years, even after federal pandemic relief has been exhausted.

Yet the $663 million in relief the governor and legislature approved is roughly 8% of the rainy day fund and surplus combined.

"Frankly it's insulting to Connecticut families, seniors and small business owners," said Madison Republican Bob Stefanowski, who lost the 2018 gubernatorial race to Lamont and was just nominated for a 2022 rematch.

Republicans charge Lamont had little to do with state government's fat coffers.

Malloy took the hit for major tax hikes in 2011 and 2015. A 2017 budget crafted by both parties created new programs to limit spending. And a booming stock market from 2018 through 2021 started the tax receipts pouring in, and 8% inflation over the past year-and-a-half did the rest.

Lamont, who took office in January 2019, the GOP says, simply had to sit back and collect the money.

"It's wrong for government to keep the overtaxation of Connecticut residents due to inflation, especially at a time when so many people are struggling," Senate Minority Leader Kevin Kelly, R-Stratford, wrote in a joint statement with Candelora, shortly after Lamont signed the tax cuts into law Monday. "After raising taxes by over $6 billion in the last decade, CT Democrats are trying to sell ... temporary relief in an election year as a panacea."

The Republican tax-cutting plan, which was worth roughly $1.2 billion over the next year, "is one of the more intellectually honest ones," added Ken Girardin, research and policy director for the Hartford-based Yankee Institute, a conservative think-tank. "They are at least trying to route that money back to where it came from."

But others who hoped for more tax relief this year cautioned against underestimating what Lamont and the Democratic majority has done.

Recovery for All CT, a progressive group of labor, community and faith-based organizations has criticized Lamont — a Greenwich businessman — for his steadfast refusal to raise state rates on the wealthy to finance relief for the poor and middle class.

Similarly, the United Way of Connecticut also has urged the fiscally moderate governor to do more to help the state's poorest families build wealth.

But leaders of both groups predicted state officials will find it hard to let expire the one-time relief they approved this year.

"I think that there is going to be an outcry," said Lisa Tepper Bates, president and chief executive officer of United Way of Connecticut. "I'm confident that we will do our best to help make the case and lift up the voices of the families."

Bates' chapter of the United Way estimates that a household with two adults and two young children must earn $90,660 annually to afford food, utilities, housing, medical and child care and other basic "survival" needs. It reported earlier this month that 42% of all children in this state live in households that earn less than this threshold.

Puya Gerami, campaign manager of Recovery for All CT, added he believes the one-time measures enacted this year will help but cannot solve the full needs of the working families.

"This has got to be a down payment," he added, "on a much larger allocation in the future."

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UMA faculty issues no-confidence vote in chancellor Malloy

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Maine — The University of Maine System chancellor who didn't think a no-confidence vote was important enough to share with a search committee is now the subject of his own no-confidence vote.

The faculty senate at the University of Maine at Augusta issued no-confidence votes in Chancellor Dannel Malloy and in the presidential search that led to the hiring of Michael R. Laliberte to lead the Augusta campus.

Malloy knew that Laliberte had been the subject of votes of no confidence at State University of New York at Delhi, and he has acknowledged that he should've informed the search committee that hired Laliberte for the new post at the Augusta campus.

Malloy and the chair of the search committee were told of Laliberte's background by Storbeck Search, a consulting firm that helps identify suitable candidates for jobs in higher education.

Malloy issued another apology and the University of Maine System executive committee also weighed in on Thursday, a day after the faculty senate's actions. The faculty want to restart the search.

"I understand how serious a concern this is for the university and the system, and I will work with everyone at UMA to restore confidence in me," Malloy, who served as Connecticut's governor from 2011-19, said in a statement.

The executive committee said it's "reviewing what can be done to improve the integrity of UMS presidential searches, as well as the confidence of our university communities in them."

While at the State University of New York at Delhi, there were votes of no confidence in Laliberte's leadership. Concerns were aired over his management of budgets, his lack of transparency and his enablement of a "culture of disrespect and hostility."

Laliberte said in message to the University of Maine at Augusta community this week that he was open with the search consultant but he wished he'd brought up the no-confidence vote himself with the search committee.

He said that he was hired to the SUNY job to be a "change agent" and that most people embraced those changes. But he said a small group resistant to change tried to derail his tenure and refused to engage with him.

He said allegations against him were "baseless."

The SUNY chancellor investigated the claims "and found them to be without merit," Laliberte wrote.

State police K-9 drug detection teams graduate

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Ten police canine drug-detection teams graduated Friday at the Connecticut state police K-9 Unit in Meriden.

The dogs were trained to find and alert their handlers to narcotics and will begin combating the state's illegal drug and opiate crisis, state police said.

The teams were trained over six weeks to find drugs hidden in buildings, motor vehicles, luggage, parcels, lockers, open areas and on people.

The following teams graduated: Det. Joseph Miller and K9 General, State Police Narcotics Unit; TFC David Misenti and Una, State Police Troop H; Officer Zachary Kashmanian and Hawk, Hartford Police Dept.; Officer Eric Williams and Skye, Old Saybrook Police Dept.

Also, Officer Vincent Lariccia and Jets, Bridgeport Police Dept.; Officer Susan Flannery and Durango, Meriden Police Dept.; Correction Officer John Bennett and Oakley, state Department of Correction; Officer Gary Bourgoin and Gigi, UConn Police Dept.; Officer Brandon Butler and Hanny, West Haven Police Dept.; and Officer Stephen Fazzino and Gage, Montville Police Dept.

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State investigating after black bear shot and killed in Newtown

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

State wildlife authorities are investigating the fatal shooting Thursday of a female black bear in Newtown, which left two cubs without a mother, local and state officials said Friday.

State Environmental Conservation Police (EnCon) are investigating the shooting, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection spokesman Will Healey said. Working with local officials, DEEP wildlife biologists and EnCon officers are watching the surviving bear cubs and assessing their health, Healey said.

Although the Humane Society, the town's first selectman and others have called for the cubs to be taken to a wildlife rehabilitation organization, state officials are allowing the cubs to remain in the area as it is their home range and their familiarity with the area will increase their chance of success, Healey said.

"We urge people to avoid feeding the bear cubs, and to give them space to continue learning to forage for natural food sources, free from human interference," he said. "Human interaction or feeding the cubs can greatly reduce their chance of survival and will also diminish their natural fear of people, creating potential future danger for the bears and public safety."

DEEP officials ask any witnesses to the shooting to call 860-424-3011.

Multiple social media posts identified the dead animal as Bobbi, a well-known bear in Newtown. Two Facebook pages have been launched — Bobbi the Bear #217 and Save Bobbi's Cubs.

Town First Selectman Dan Rosenthal said he was "heartbroken over the loss of the bear and the orphaning of the cubs." While he could not comment on the active investigation, Rosenthal said he was lobbying DEEP to get the cubs to a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation organization.

It is illegal to hunt or trap bears in Connecticut, but a person may kill a bear in self-defense. State law also allows the killing of a bear deemed to be a public health or safety threat, and farmers or farm workers may pursue, trap, and kill a bear that damages property on land used for agriculture.

Black bear attacks on humans are rare. In June 2017, a woman walking her dog in a Simsbury park encountered a bear that "took a swipe at her" and left her with minor scratches on her legs. State wildlife officials found and killed the bear. Two bears were shot in September 2015 after one of them stalked a woman hiking in Burlington's Sessions Woods and touched her leg with his nose.

In 2017, a 557-pound male black bear was shot and killed in Kent as he headed for a barn where a bear had killed a miniature donkey two weeks earlier. State officials concluded the shooting was justified to protect other animals in the barn.

Overall, however, many more bears in Connecticut have been killed by motor vehicles.

"The tragic and brutal killing of this mother black bear, leaving her orphaned cubs stranded, was preventable and unnecessary," Annie Hornish, Connecticut's director of the Humane Society of the United States, said.

"If they survive, which they cannot do on their own at this age, these cubs will suffer this trauma for the rest of their lives."

Asked if she knew how the shooting happened, Hornish said, "We are trying to get information and confirmation of what happened and understand that this horrific case is currently under investigation. We implore DEEP to do the right thing and help get these cubs to a rehabilitator, as they won't survive on their own at their young age without their mother."

Hornish listed solutions to prevent conflicts with bears, including installing electric fencing around chicken coops, using bear-resistant trash cans, making sure all pet and livestock foods are unavailable to bears and taking down bird feeders until the winter.

"Bears need humans to behave, so that bears are not killed from entirely preventable circumstances," she said. "Killing is never the solution because it is a never-ending cycle of death."

The state's bear population, estimated at about 1,200, is growing and the bears' range is expanding. Many bears are reported in Litchfield and Hartford counties and fewer in eastern Connecticut, but the big omnivores have spread across the state.

Connecticut is good bear country. Natural foods such as acorns, skunk cabbage and grubs are abundant and bears' reproductive success and the survivorship of cubs are both high.

Anyone who observes a black bear in Connecticut is encouraged to report the sighting at portal.ct.gov/.../Wild.../Report-a-Wildlife-Sighting or send an email to deep.wildlife@ct.gov.

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Anti-abortion leader says Stefanowski 'has heartened pro-life voters'

By Mark Pazniokas
CT Mirror

Republican Bob Stefanowski's carefully worded position on abortion has won plaudits from an anti-abortion leader who sees common ground with a Connecticut gubernatorial nominee for the first time in decades.

Peter Wolfgang, the president of the Family Institute of Connecticut, was responding to a statement from Stefanowski indicating support for adding a parental notification provision to a Connecticut abortion rights law that he otherwise would not attempt to change.

"It has heartened pro-life voters. We know that Bob is not 100% with us. We've always suspected it. And now we know it for sure," Wolfgang said. "But what we also know is where he does have common ground with us."

Stefanowski, who was nominated by Republicans over the weekend for a rematch with Gov. Ned Lamont, has positioned himself to the right of the Democratic governor on abortion while not opposing Connecticut's 32-year-old law codifying the tenets of Roe v. Wade.

His approach will test whether a candidate can appeal to social conservatives, who Wolfgang has long complained have been marginalized by the Connecticut Republican establishment, without losing more voters who support abortion rights.

In a written statement issued Wednesday, Stefanowski said, "under no circumstances will I as Governor attempt to change the existing law. A woman's right to choose has been, is, and will remain codified in Connecticut State Law, including Connecticut's ban on late-term abortions — except in the case where the mother's health is at risk."

Stefanowski, consistent with his position in 2018, also broke with Lamont on the issue of requiring parental notification for a minor to obtain an abortion — an addition Wolfgang sees as a gesture to social conservatives.

"Consistent with the majority of other states, Connecticut should consider a parental notification requirement for minors under 16 seeking an abortion, except in the case of rape or incest," Stefanowski said.

Democrats seized on the ambiguity in Stefanowski's statement: He promised not to personally seek changes restricting an adult woman's access to abortion without saying if he would oppose or veto them.

Wolfgang acknowledged the wiggle room in Stefanowski's statement about parental notification: The candidate said the state should "consider" such a measure, not that he would propose or support one.

"Would you love to see him say that he supports parental notification in a more active voice? I would definitely love to see it," Wolfgang said. "But I, again, I'm reading that statement against the backdrop of what the Republicans have been saying in the week or two since the Dobbs leak."

The leak of a draft opinion in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization suggests a majority of the U.S. Supreme Court is prepared to overturn Roe, the 49-year-old landmark case that struck down state bans on abortions before fetal viability.

"When Republicans don't answer the abortion issue, as I think they've been doing since the Dobbs leak, it's a lose-lose," Wolfgang said. "You're telling pro-lifers that you're not with us and you're telling pro-choicers that you have something to hide. It just never works."

Wolfgang, a featured speaker at an abortion protest that drew 2,000 to the state Capitol in March, acknowledged that the bar may be relatively low for getting a good grade from the anti-abortion movement in Connecticut, a heavily Catholic state that nonetheless has been consistently supportive of abortion rights.

It is one of a few states that has affirmatively declared a woman's right to an abortion. A 1990 law provides that "the decision to terminate a pregnancy prior to the viability of the fetus shall be solely that of the pregnant woman in consultation with her physician."

"If you're pro-life in the state of Connecticut, you are very much grading on a curve," said Wolfgang, who branded Stefanowski's position that of "a pro-choice moderate."

Stefanowski has been careful in his statements about abortion, an issue unmentioned in his acceptance speech last week.

He has yet to submit to public questioning about abortion, instead communicating with the press and voters by written statements that initially downplayed the issue as a matter of settled law in Connecticut. His campaign offered no reaction to Wolfgang's assessment.

"I think Bob's statement speaks for itself," said Liz Kurantowicz, the senior adviser to the Stefanowski campaign.

Stefanowski has refused to take a position on a new law declaring Connecticut a "safe harbor" against lawsuits against out-of-state women seeking abortions here or the abortion providers.

His running mate, state Rep. Laura Devlin of Fairfield, voted for it, and his opponent, Lamont, signed it into law.

Wolfgang said he had no idea why Stefanowski has refused to take a position.

"I'll take his silence over Devlin's affirmative vote for it," Wolfgang said.

Wolfgang said Devlin's vote, which she says was cast without consulting Stefanowski, brought no abortion-rights voters to the fold, while turning off some opponents.

"I think Rep. Devlin put Bob in a very difficult position by voting in favor of that bill. I know that Rep. Devlin is pro choice," he said. "I know that she understands the difference between pro-choice and pro-life. I'm not sure if she understands the difference between pro-choice moderate and being more extreme on abortion. Because that was an extreme vote."

Devlin could not be reached for comment Thursday. No parental notification bill in her tenure has cleared even the low hurdle of a committee vote scheduling a public hearing.

Connecticut law requires a minor seeking an abortion to be counseled about the alternatives to abortion, including adoption, and the possibility of consulting her parents. About three dozen other states require either consent or notification, with some ability to bypass the requirement in the case of abusive parents.

In 2018 and in comments this week, Lamont indicated a comfort with Connecticut's approach. At a visit to a tulip farm in Preston on Thursday, a WTNH reporter asked how he would feel about a 13-year-old getting an abortion without parental consent.

"I don't think you can regulate and have laws for each and every eventuality," Lamont said, according to audio provided by the governor's office. "My instinct is that 98% of people, younger people, talk to their parents. If they feel comfortable, they feel like it's safe, it's the right thing to do."

Abortions by females younger than 15 are rare.

Of the more than 9,000 abortions in Connecticut in 2019, 20 were performed on girls 14 or younger and 788 on patients 15 to 19, according to the most recent statistics available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Nationally, the percentage of abortions involving females from 15-19 fell steadily from 14.6% in 2010 to 8.7% in 2019, a 40% drop over a decade.

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BUSINESS

Musk's Twitter buy on hold, puts doubt on deal

Entrepreneur cites reservations about platform's reporting on fake accounts

By Kelvin Chan and Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — Tesla billionaire Elon Musk has put his plan to buy Twitter on temporary hold, raising fresh doubts about whether he'll proceed with the $44 billion acquisition.

Musk tweeted early Friday that he wanted to pinpoint the number of spam and fake accounts on the social media platform. He has been vocal about his desire to clean up Twitter's problem with "spam bots" that mimic real people, and he appeared to question whether Twitter was underreporting them.

But the company has disclosed in regulatory filings that its bot estimates might be low for at least two years, leading some analysts to believe that Musk could be raising the issue as a reason to back out of the purchase.

"Twitter deal temporarily on hold pending details supporting calculation that spam/fake accounts do indeed represent less than 5% of users," Musk tweeted Friday morning, indicating he's skeptical that the number of inauthentic accounts is that low.

On Friday, Musk subsequently tweeted that he's "still committed to acquisition." Neither Twitter nor Musk responded Friday to requests for comment. Musk has conducted a long flirtation with Twitter that culminated in an April deal to acquire the social platform.

The problem of fake accounts on Twitter is not a secret.

In its quarterly filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Twitter itself expressed doubts that its count of bot accounts was correct, conceding that the estimate may be low. "In making this determination, we applied significant judgment, so our estimation of false or spam accounts may not accurately represent the actual number of such accounts, and the actual number of false or spam accounts could be higher than we have estimated," the filing says.

A review of Twitter filings with the SEC shows that the company's estimate of spam bot accounts and similar language expressing uncertainty about it have been in Twitter's quarterly and annual reports for at least two years, well before Musk made his offer.

Sara Silver, a professor of business journalism and financial communication at Quinnipiac University, said it appears Musk could be using the number of spam accounts as a pretext to pull out of the deal.

"To claim that this is the reason that he's putting the deal on pause, it's not credible," Silver said. "This is not a new issue for him. It's not just entering his consciousness now."

Stock in both Twitter and Tesla swung sharply in opposite directions Friday afternoon, with Twitter's stock falling nearly 9% and shares of Tesla, which Musk had been selling help fund the Twitter deal, rising about 8%.

But shares of Tesla have tumbled since it was revealed the social platform had become a Musk target.

"It's become much more expensive for him to buy this company using his Tesla shares," Silver said.

A woman sits at the state Capitol in Albany, New York, alongside a sign calling for universal child care. **CINDY SCHULTZ/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Pandemic didn't stop moms

Data analyses show mothers continued working even as COVID-19 took hold in US

By Claire Cain Miller
The New York Times

For mothers during the pandemic, the usual push and pull of work and family life has felt more like a tug of war. Yet despite concerns that they would quit their jobs en masse, most succeeded in keeping them, two new data analyses show.

In fact, one group of mothers — college graduates with babies and toddlers — became significantly more likely to work for pay than they were before the pandemic.

As of March, slightly more mothers of school-age children were working than were in the March before the pandemic.

It is a testament to American women's attachment to the labor market, researchers said — they have hard-earned careers, built over time and central to their identities, and are increasingly primary breadwinners for their families. It also speaks to the value of flexibility over when and where people work.

"The real story of women during the pandemic is that they remained in the labor force," Claudia Goldin, a Harvard economist and leading scholar of women and work, wrote in one of the new analyses. "They stayed on their jobs, as much as they could, and persevered."

Still, they were stretched thin — and many still are. Child care, after-school care and summer camps are not back at capacity; people are still getting COVID-19; and for some mothers, the reopening of schools gave them a chance to pause and realize how overwhelmed they were.

"I'm looking around and being like, why do I feel so stressed out this year while my kids are in school?" said Rebecca Bird Grigsby, a training coordinator at a gaming company, a working artist and a mother of two. "There's the expectation that things should just go back to normal, that I can work at full capacity, I can focus on professional development, the kids will be fine. And that's not necessarily true."

The share of mothers living with children ages 5-17 who are actively working was 1.7% higher in March than in March 2019, found the second analysis, by Misty Heggeness, a principal economist at the U.S. Census Bureau. The exception is mothers living with children under 5. The share at work is down 4.2%, most likely because of acute child care shortages this year. Centers have been unable to hire enough teachers, and because children under 5 cannot yet be vaccinated, there are many more interruptions for illness and quarantines. This has made it particularly difficult for mothers without college degrees to work.

"There are nearly 1.2 million extremely qualified women who haven't returned to the workforce," President Joe Biden said at a union event last month. "There's a simple reason: There's no affordable child care for them."

Samantha Rogers is a single mother of three boys under 6 in Cookeville, Tennessee. She works part-time cleaning hotel rooms for $7.25 an hour, but that's not enough to rent an apartment. They bounce around and have spent a few nights outside. Yet she cannot get a full-time job — like the one she had before the pandemic, earning $15 hourly at a factory — without child care.

Nearby child care centers have long waitlists and tuition she could not afford — $2,000 a month for her three children. Instead, her older children attend a free Head Start preschool, but it ends at 3 p.m., so she cannot work full days. Her sister watches her baby while she works, but Rogers cannot work when her sister is unavailable — and her boss said she would lose her job if she missed more than five days a year.

"It makes it so much harder when you really just want a stable place for your kids, but you can't afford it because you don't have anywhere for your kids to go so that you can afford it," she said.

Americans bet $125B on sports over 4 years

By Wayne Parry
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Americans have bet more than $125 billion on sports with legal gambling outlets in the four years since a U.S. Supreme Court ruling cleared the way for all 50 states to offer it.

On Saturday's anniversary of the decision in a case brought by New Jersey, two-thirds of the states in the country have legalized sports betting.

In just four years, the industry has worked itself into the daily lives of millions of Americans — from those who plunk down money hoping for a certain outcome to those who watch TV broadcasts with odds calculations to those struggling with gambling problems.

You don't have to be a gambler — or even a sports fan — to be affected: The industry tsunami of advertising is practically impossible to avoid, particularly on TV and radio but in other media as well. For example, FanDuel is the official odds provider for The Associated Press.

On May 14, 2018, the Supreme Court decided a case that had begun 10 years earlier in New Jersey as the longest of long shots: a bid to overturn a federal law, the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act, that restricted sports betting to just four states that met a 1991 deadline to legalize it.

To comprehend just how much $125 billion is, consider this: It's a bit more than the amount that was spent on pet food, supplies and veterinary care in the entire country last year, and more than the net income for America's farmers last year.

Of course, much of that money was paid out to people who won bets. After expenses, the sportsbooks generally keep less than 10% of the total amount of bets they handle. Over the first four years of legal betting, their revenue figure is $8.8 billion, according to the American Gaming Association, the gambling industry's national trade group.

Sports betting has generated $1.3 billion in state and local taxes since 2018 according to the AGA, but the amount many states keep is a mere drop in the bucket compared with their overall budget.

Feds begin $45B plan for internet accessibility

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration is taking the first steps to release $45 billion to ensure that every U.S. resident has access to high-speed internet by roughly 2028, inviting governors and other leaders on Friday to start the application process.

Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo is overseeing the distribution and said that universal access to broadband internet would be akin to the electrification of rural America during the 1930s, a recognition that the internet is a utility needed for U.S. residents to function in today's economy.

"There's more than 30 million Americans who don't have internet," Raimondo said. "And in this day and age without high-speed internet, you can't go to school, can't go to the doctor, can't do simple things. Think of how many times in a day you Google something or go online."

The funding is part of the $65 billion for broadband in the $1 trillion infrastructure package that President Joe Biden signed into law last November.

The Commerce Department recognizes that internet needs vary by state. The money could be used to lay fiber optic cable, build out Wi-Fi hotspots or even reduce monthly charges in places where price is the main challenge. After the administration's announcement Monday that it would provide a $30 monthly subsidy to low-income households, Raimondo noted that states could use the additional money from these programs to make the service free to some users.

The goal is to have states lay out a five-year timeline to provide full internet access, while ensuring affordable internet access and promoting competition among providers.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Croatia preps to convert to euro

ZAGREB, Croatia — Croatian lawmakers on Friday approved a law that paves the way for the introduction of the euro currency next year.

Croatia is due to replace the Croatian kuna with the euro on Jan. 1, 2023. Lawmakers voted 117-13 in favor of legislation to bring in the euro. One lawmaker abstained in the 151-member parliament.

Croatia, which joined the European Union in 2013, remains among the weaker economies of the bloc following the 1992-95 war.

Right-wing parties in Croatian parliament were opposed to the introduction of the euro, saying it would increase poverty and put pressure on citizens. Both currencies are set to be in parallel use in the months after the formal start of the euro's adoption.

Starbucks urged to drop surcharge

BOSTON — A group of Christian, Hindu, Buddhist and Jewish leaders is asking Starbucks to stop charging extra for vegan milk alternatives.

The group says the practice amounts to a tax on people who have embraced plant-based lifestyles.

In a statement issued Friday, an interfaith coalition led by Nevada-based Hindu activist Rajan Zed pressed the coffee chain to end the surcharges it called "unethical and unfair."

Starbucks doesn't charge for a splash of nondairy milk, including soy milk, coconut milk, almond milk and oat milk, though it does levy a surcharge for customized beverages made largely with those substitutes, spokesperson Megan Adams said.

US import/export prices

Price index, percentage change from previous month

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics TNS

BUSINESS

Dubai Airports CEO Paul Griffiths says the resurgence of traffic at the facility is "encouraging." It handled 13.6 million travelers in the first quarter of 2022. **KAMRAN JEBREILI/AP 2014**

Dubai airport posts busiest quarter since virus hit in '20

By Isabel Debre
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Dubai International Airport, the world's busiest for international travel, reported on Thursday it handled over 13.6 million passengers in the first three months of 2022 — more than double last year's number in a clear sign that a long-awaited travel revival has reached the global aviation hub.

This quarter's passenger count represents the airport's busiest since the virus struck in 2020 and compares to just 5.7 million passengers logged in the same period last year.

But in a sign that long-haul markets have yet to enjoy full recovery from the pandemic, Dubai Airports CEO Paul Griffiths said the airport doesn't expect to see transit traffic back to pre-virus levels for another two years at least. Still, flight traffic has improved as nations around the world have loosened COVID-19 travel restrictions.

"It's been extremely encouraging," Griffiths said, praising government efforts to keep Dubai's border open, aggressively vaccinate and introduce policies that have attracted an international workforce. "We're now seeing a massive resurgence."

The key east-west transit point, home to Emirates, long the jewel of Dubai's state-linked companies, is expected to handle 58.3 million passengers in 2022.

This year's passenger traffic has so far been driven by the airport's reliable destinations and source markets with large expat populations in Dubai — India, Pakistan and the United Kingdom.

Since Russian tanks rolled into Ukraine and the West piled sanctions on the Kremlin, the airport remains one of the few flight corridors out of Russia.

Major U.S. companies have transferred employees from Russia to the United Arab Emirates. The federation has avoided overt criticism of Russia's war and not enforced sanctions imposed by the West. The UAE also offers three-month multiple-entry visas upon arrival to Russians. Emirates flights between Dubai and Russia have continued.

"Since the tensions in Ukraine and Russia started, Dubai has remained open to people coming from those areas," said Griffiths, saying he couldn't provide a breakdown of passenger traffic from Russia.

Griffiths also said the private jet terminal at Al Maktoum International at Dubai World Central, the Gulf city's second airport, has been "incredibly busy," with a recent 400% spike in traffic. Satellite images show dozens of private jets parked at the terminal.

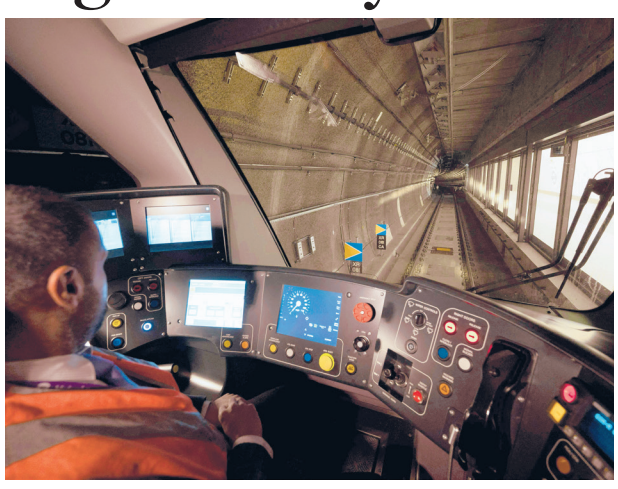
He declined to elaborate on whether the parked jets had connections to Russia's wealthy trying to leave the country with their assets, saying only: "We've just allowed everyone to go about their business."

Griffiths sounded optimistic when asked how Dubai's airport was rebounding not only from the pandemic's devastating blow to aviation, but also to travel retail sales.

The Dubai airport, with its cavernous duty-free stores and luxury boutiques, relies on revenue from retail concessions. Griffiths said the tourists who have trickled through the terminals in recent months are big spenders. Demand for luxury goods has remained high in Dubai, he said.

In London, a 'game-changer' railway line gets ready to roll

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press



A driver prepares to take a train on London's new Elizabeth Line for a test run Wednesday. The new line is scheduled to open for customers May 24. **JUSTIN TALLIS/GETTY-AFP**

LONDON — Andy Byford points out the cathedral-like ceiling, the crystal-clear acoustics, the "pureness of the aesthetic" that surrounds him.

The head of London's public transport system is rhapsodizing about a subway station — part of a new line he says will be "the envy of the world."

"It really gives people a sense of grandeur, but there is also a sense of calm," said Byford as he showed journalists around Liverpool Street Station on London's gleaming new east-west Elizabeth Line, due to open on May 24.

The $23 billion mixed overground and underground railway, named in honor of Queen Elizabeth II, is 3½ years late and $5 billion over budget. But Byford says it will be "a game-changer" for Britain's pandemic-scarred capital city.

"I think when it opens it is going to be a huge morale boost for London, post-COVID," said Byford. "What could be a greater symbol of London's emergence from COVID than this spectacular railway?"

Yet there's a question as to whether London still needs the Elizabeth Line.

Since ground was first broken on the project — also known as Crossrail — in 2009, London has been through recession, a rocky British exit from the European Union and a coronavirus pandemic that shut down the city for months and transformed work and travel patterns, potentially for good.

Tony Travers, a professor of government at the London School of Economics, said the Elizabeth Line "is a remarkable and beautiful thing."

"But it was built — after a lot of effort and over a very long period of time — for a different economy," he said. "Its entire economic case was very heavily predicated on the continued growth of the economy of central London."

Britain's biggest infrastructure project in decades involved digging 26 miles of new tunnels under Europe's biggest city — uncovering mammoth bones, Roman ruins and the skeletons of medieval plague victims along the way.

It was scheduled to open in late 2018. But with just months to go the launch was postponed, and then postponed again as workers struggled to finish 10 new stations and link up three separate signaling systems on the western, central and eastern stretches of the 60-mile railway.

In 2020, the builders turned to Byford, a veteran public transport executive who ran the Toronto Transit Commission and then the transit authority in New York, where he was nicknamed "Train Daddy" as he grappled with the Big Apple's often frustrating subway and bus systems.

Byford has staked his reputation on getting the Elizabeth Line up and running.

"It's had its challenges," he acknowledged. "This has been a labor of love for us. We've sweated blood over this thing."

The largely underground central section from Paddington Station in west London to Abbey Wood in the southeast opens to paying customers this month, days before the U.K. celebrates the queen's Platinum Jubilee, though it won't be fully integrated with the aboveground eastern and western legs until the fall.

The Elizabeth Line opens in a city, and country, facing economic uncertainty, with the war in Ukraine fueling record inflation and the city center still quieter than before the pandemic as many officers work at least part time from home.

The line's expected ridership has been scaled back from a predicted 250 million people a year before the pandemic, to about 200 million a year, though Crossrail chief executive Mark Wild is certain the new line will help get London back on track.

"If there's ever going to be a railway that's pandemic-proof, it's this one," Wild said. "It's airy, fast, the stations are cathedral-like, the air's fresh. It's modern, clean. If there's ever a railway that can stimulate a return to the office, it's going to be this one."

MARKET RUNDOWN

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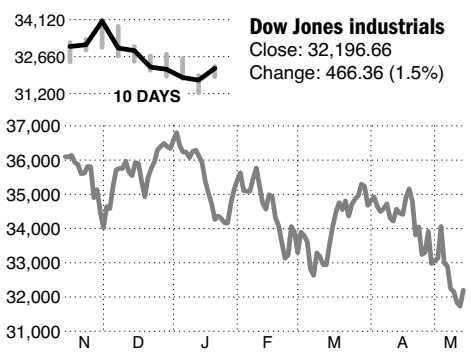

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	32,196.66	+466.36	-11.40%
DOW Trans.	14,456.41	+136.14	-12.27%
DOW Util.	992.74	+9.90	+1.22%
NYSE Comp.	15,257.36	+326.26	-11.11%
Nasdaq Comp.	11,805.00	+434.04	-24.54%
S&P 500	4,023.89	+93.81	-15.57%
S&P 400	2,430.83	+61.02	-14.47%
Wilshire 5000	40,022.27	+1,068.11	-17.41%
Russell 2000	1,792.67	+53.29	-20.16%

Commodities

FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	110.49	106.13	+46.91%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	7.66	7.74	+105.44%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.96	3.79	+77.62%
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PREV.**	**YTD**
Gold (oz)	1,807.40	1,823.80	-1.10%
Silver (oz)	20.98	20.76	-10.05%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

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	ForEx in U.S. $	U.S. $ in ForEx
Britain	1.2242	.8169
Canada	.7733	1.2931
China	.1473	6.7890
Euro	1.0406	.9610
Japan	.007730	129.36
Mexico	.049790	20.0842

Money Rates

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Prime rate	4.00	4.00
3-mo. T-Bill	1.03	0.93
6-mo. T-Bill	1.45	1.42
5-yr T-Note	2.89	2.95
10-yr T-Note	2.94	3.08
30-yr T-Bond	3.11	3.21

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	14,027.93	+288.29	+2.10%	-11.69%
London	7,418.15	+184.81	+2.56%	+.46%
Hong Kong	19,898.77	+518.43	+2.67%	-14.95%
Nikkei	26,427.65	+678.93	+2.64%	-8.21%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	11.81	+.61	-56.6
AT&T Inc (T)	19.84	+.12	-19.3
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	95.12	+8.06	-33.9
Affirm Holdings Inc (AFRM)	23.71	+5.67	-76.4
Allena Pharmaceuticl (ALNA)	.12	-.01	-79.4
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	16.58	+1.09	-7.7
Amphenol Corp (APH)	70.47	+1.84	-19.4
Apple Inc (AAPL)	147.11	+4.55	-17.2
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	44.53	+.45	-10.7
Bank of America (BAC)	35.17	+.10	-20.9
Barnes Group (B)	33.66	+.87	-27.8
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2101.89	+48.84	-12.4
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	75.80	-.50	+21.6
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	97.48	-.77	-5.5
Carnival Corp (CCL)	14.28	+1.02	-29.0
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	40.19	+1.09	-25.9
Charter Communic (CHTR)	471.39	+6.13	-27.7
Cigna Corp (CI)	259.19	-.84	+12.9
Coinbase Global Inc (COIN)	67.87	+9.37	-73.1
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	41.48	+.09	-17.6
Coupang (CPNG)	13.34	+1.88	-54.6
Desktop Metal (DM)	1.88	+.28	-62.0
Disney (DIS)	107.33	+3.02	-30.7
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	102.31	+.94	-19.7
Ethan Allen (ETD)	24.12	+.28	-8.3
Eversource Energy (ES)	89.34	+.42	-1.8
Ford Motor (F)	13.50	+1.06	-35.0
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	3.52	+.36	-32.3
Gen Dynamics (GD)	226.31	+2.82	+8.6
Gen Electric (GE)	75.05	+1.77	-20.6
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg (DNA)	2.66	+.28	-68.0
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	69.55	+.45	+.7
Honeywell Intl (HON)	193.53	+.61	-7.2
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	12.06	+.12	-24.2
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	19.45	-.08	-23.2
Intel Corp (INTC)	43.60	+.76	-15.3
Kaman (KAMN)	33.85	+.66	-21.6
Keycorp (KEY)	18.62	+.09	-19.5
Kinross Gold (KGC)	4.16	+.10	-28.4
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	54.09	+2.21	-20.8
Lordstown Motors (RIDE)	2.45	+.23	-29.0
Lucid Group Inc (LCID)	18.01	+2.32	-52.7
M&T Bank (MTB)	166.58	+.85	+8.5
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	36.15	+1.63	-19.5
MetLife Inc (MET)	63.42	+.51	+1.5
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	261.12	+5.77	-22.4
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	.99	+.12	-81.1
My Size Inc (MYSZ)	.24	+.04	-52.5
Novartis AG (NVS)	85.82	+.44	-1.9
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	177.06	+15.31	-39.8
Occid Petl (OXY)	64.08	+4.86	+121.0
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	75.11	+2.11	-13.7
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	8.34	+1.00	-54.2
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	49.92	-.47	-15.5
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.55	+.03	-31.4
PolarityTE Inc (PTE)	.21	+.07	-63.9
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	101.19	+1.03	-6.5
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	68.58	+.29	+2.8
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	91.92	+.44	+6.8
Rivian Automotive A (RIVN)	26.70	+2.40	-74.3
Robinhood Markets A (HOOD)	10.69	+2.13	-39.8
Rogers Corp (ROG)	263.75	-7.83	-3.4
Roblox Corp (RBLX)	32.97	+4.39	-68.0
SS&C Technlogies (SSNC)	59.82	+.44	-27.0
Snap Inc A (SNAP)	24.75	+1.98	-47.4
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	6.75	+1.09	-57.3
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	121.61	+1.14	-35.5
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	23.14	+.73	-4.8
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.38	+.01	-33.6
Terex Corp (TEX)	32.80	+.82	-25.4
Tesla Inc (TSLA)	769.59	+41.59	-27.2
Travelers Cos (TRV)	172.78	-.59	+10.5
Twitter Inc (TWTR)	40.72	-4.36	-5.8
Uber Technologies (UBER)	24.39	+1.10	-41.8
United Rentals (URI)	288.44	+5.42	-13.2
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	485.40	+6.60	-3.3
Veru Inc (VERU)	13.00	+3.97	+120.7
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	172.91	+3.24	-41.8
Voya Financial (VOYA)	62.62	+1.32	-5.6
Vroom Inc (VRM)	1.60	+.18	-85.2
Webster Financial (WBS)	46.88	+.79	-16.0
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1163.49	+16.13	+14.8
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	58.25	+.90	+18.1
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	52.86	+1.81	-31.7
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	17.27	+.49	-23.7
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Chris Pratt in "Jurassic World Dominion." **UNIVERSAL PICTURES/AMBLIN ENTERTAINMENT**

A scene from "Minions: The Rise of Gru." **ILLUMINATION ENTERTAINMENT/UNIVERSAL PICTURES**

A group of 20-somethings party at a remote mansion in the slasher "Bodies Bodies Bodies." **A24**

Tom Cruise in "Top Gun: Maverick." **PARAMOUNT PICTURES**

CINEMATIC COMEBACK

Hollywood hopes one of its beloved storylines will play out in movie theaters this summer with its biggest and most reliable players on tap

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

This summer at the movies, Tom Cruise is back in the cockpit behind those iconic aviators. Doctors Grant, Sattler and Ian Malcolm are returning for another round with the dinosaurs. Natalie Portman is picking up Thor's hammer. And Jordan Peele is poised to terrify us with the unknown. Again.

Hollywood is bringing out some of its biggest and most reliable players for the 2022 summer movie season, which unofficially kicked off recently with the help of Marvel and Disney's "Doctor Strange and the Multitverse of Madness" and runs through the end of August. Studios and exhibitors are still making up for losses incurred during the pandemic, adjusting to new ways of doing business, including shortened release windows, competition from streaming and the need to feed their own services, and wondering if moviegoing will ever return to prepandemic levels.

Though the pandemic lingers on, there is optimism in the air.

"We're still waiting for older audiences to come back," said Jim Orr, the head of domestic distribution for Universal Pictures. "But it really feels like we've turned a corner."

Expectations are particularly high for "Top Gun: Maverick," which Paramount Pictures will release on May 27 after two years of pandemic postponements. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer says he never wavered in wanting to release "Top Gun: Maverick" — a full-throttle action film made with extensive aerial photography and practical effects — exclusively in theaters.

"It's the kind of movie that embraces the experience of going to the theater," said Bruckheimer.

Before the pandemic, the summer movie season could reliably produce over $4 billion in ticket sales, or about 40% of the year's grosses according to Comscore. In 2020, that total plummeted to $176 million. Last year recovered some with $1.7 billion, but things were hardly back to normal — many chose to either delay releases further or employ hybrid day-and-date strategies.

This summer, though some slates are slimmer than usual, everyone is refocusing on theatrical. The ticketing service Fandango surveyed more than 6,000 ticket-buyers recently, and 83% said they planned to see three or more movies on the big screen this summer.

Adam Aron, the Chairman and CEO of AMC Theatres, the nation's largest theater chain, is one who is particularly excited about the steady stream of blockbusters coming to theaters. He touted franchises like "Doctor Strange 2," "Top Gun 2," "Jurassic World Dominion," (June 10) and "Thor: Love and Thunder" (July 8), "new film concepts" like Peele's "Nope" (July 22) and "Elvis" (June 24), and family-friendly offerings from "Lightyear" (June 17) to "Minions: The Rise of Gru" (July 1).

And the summer started off with a bang: "Doctor Strange 2" grossed an estimated $185 million in ticket sales in its first weekend in U.S. and Canadian theaters, more than double that of the first film. Marvel and Disney then follow that with the new Thor, which picks up with Chris Hemsworth's character after "Endgame" and wondering "what now?"

"It's a great, really fun, weird little group of heroes," director Taika Waititi said. "And, in my humble opinion, we have probably the best villain that Marvel's ever had in Christian Bale."

But superhero movies alone don't make for a healthy cinematic landscape. Universal is proud of its diverse summer slate that includes a certain dinosaur tentpole, family animation, thrillers and horrors, comedies and period charmers from Focus Features like "Downton Abbey: A New Era" and "Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris."

"Our business can't devolve into just tentpoles and branded IP," Orr said. "We have something for every audience segment."

Jason Blum, the powerhouse producer and head of Blumhouse, hopes that Scott Derrickson's supernatural horror "The Black Phone" may be one of those special "not superhero" breakouts of the summer when it opens June 24.

Beyond the franchises, there are a wide array of options: Dramas ("Where the Crawdads Sing," "Elvis"); action pics ("Bullet Train"); hair-raisers ("Watcher," "Bodies, Bodies Bodies," "Resurrection"); and even a mockumentary about a tiny seashell, "Marcel the Shell With Shoes On."

"Annihilation" writer-director Alex Garland also has an original thriller, "Men," coming to theaters May 20. Jessie Buckley plays a woman who retreats to the English countryside for some peace following a personal tragedy only to be confronted by more horrors from the men in this quaint town.

Garland is a little worried about the movie industry and the seismic shifts that are happening under the surface that are "partly cultural and partly economic."

"Every time an interesting film comes out and underperforms, I get a kind of gnawing anxiety about it," Garland said. "If the only films that make money are for younger audiences, something cultural changes. Something changes about the sorts of films that get financed."

Streaming companies, meanwhile, are still going strong. Netflix has a massive 35-plus film summer slate, including the spy thriller "The Gray Man," directed by the Russo brothers and starring Ryan Gosling and Chris Evans. Other streamers are releasing some of the most interesting titles from this year's Sundance Film Festival, including "Good Luck To You, Leo Grande" (Hulu), "Cha Cha Real Smooth" (Apple TV+), "Emergency" (Amazon) and "AM I OK?" (HBO Max).

"Streaming has a place in the world, but it's not the only thing in the world," said Blum, who is convinced that there is still an appetite for going to theaters.

For Bruckheimer, it's perhaps even more simple.

"It all depends on the movies. It's always about the movies," Bruckheimer said. "If there's stuff people want to see, they're going to show up."

'ON THE COUNT OF THREE' ★★★

Demented buddy comedy about power of friendship

By Katie Walsh
Tribune News Service

Comedian Jerrod Carmichael is officially a triple threat. The writer and performer can now add director to his bio, making his debut with the pitch-black suicide comedy "On the Count of Three," in which he co-stars opposite Christopher Abbott. The film, which Carmichael directed from a script written by "The Carmichael Show" writer Ari Katcher, who co-wrote with Ryan Welch, premiered at this year's Sundance Film Festival. "On the Count of Three" announces Carmichael as a filmmaker to watch, with a distinct point of view and a willingness to dive into the darker parts of the psyche, using comedy as a conduit to access those painful places.

The film opens in medias res, with lifelong best friends Kevin (Abbott) and Val (Carmichael) about to shoot each other in the head outside of a strip club at 10 in the morning. Rewinding a few hours, we come to find out how these best friends found themselves there, which begins with Val getting a promotion at the shop where he works, and attempting to hang himself in the bathroom while his co-worker sings Travis Tritt's "It's a Great Day to Be Alive" at the urinal. Val's failure leads him to break Kevin out of the psychiatric hospital where he has been committed for attempting suicide himself, because Val thinks the only way to get it right is for the best friends to do it together. However, Kevin, a newly freed man, blanches. He wants one last day.

So begins the darkly demented "This is Your Life" journey upon with Kevin and Val embark, driving around town in a yellow Jeep. They run into Kevin's school bully, pay a visit to their favorite boss at the dirt bike track, and pop in on Val's abusive, absentee father (J.B. Smoove) to collect an outstanding debt. Val tries to make amends with his ex (Tiffany Haddish), and Kevin cooks up a plan to exert justice on his abuser, a child psychologist named Dr. Brenner (Henry Winkler).

While it's a lot of action for a single day, "On the Count of Three" is a fairly simple, resonant story about the power of friendship, rendered with a bleakly absurdist humor. The film is very funny and very dark, illustrating the power of comedic catharsis that can offer relief from inner torment. The deadpan Val is dry as a bone, juxtaposed against the tightly coiled live-wire that is Kevin. Abbott, cut from the '70s character actor mold, is riveting embodying Kevin's high-strung unpredictable energy, while Carmichael holds the screen as the somber Val.

Carmichael's direction is confident, and "On the Count of Three" is tautly paced and efficient, energized with the use of music and editing for comedic effect. Cinematographer Marshall Adams animates the dreary suburban landscape with saturated colors and unique compositions. This is a definitive statement of what Carmichael can do as a director, helming a tight, well-crafted film that has a distinctive look and style, and ultimately transcends the small scope of the film into something grander and more epic.

The only flaw of "On the Count of Three" is that, like Kevin, it waffles right at the end. Backed into an impossible situation, the script betrays the brutally nihilist foundation on which it has been built, jettisoning that tone for a pat happy ending. What would have been truly bold would be to remain in the darkness, the friendship between Val and Kevin the source of love and light that was always present.

Christopher Abbott, left, and Jerrod Carmichael star in "On the Count of Three." **ALBERT CAMICIOLI/ANNAPURNA RELEASING LLC**

MPAA rating: R (for violence, suicide, pervasive language and some sexual references)
Running time: 1:26
How to watch: In theaters and on digital

CELEBRITIES

Macdonald filmed secret comedy set

From news services

Norm Macdonald, the late comic who kept his terminal illness a secret until after he died, had another secret up his sleeve: the posthumous release of a new comedy special.

The former "Saturday Night Live" comic, who died Sept. 14 at age 61 after privately battling cancer for nine years, recorded an hour of new comedy while sitting in his living room under what were dire circumstances.

"His test results were not good, so during the heart of (the) COVID-19 pandemic and literally the night before going in for a procedure, he wanted to get this on tape just in case — as he put it — things went south," the comic's longtime producing partner Lori Jo Hoekstra told the Hollywood Reporter on Thursday.

"It was his intention to have a special to share if something happened," she said.

But Macdonald pulled through his procedure and the tape was sort of forgotten, she said. His intention was to record it in front of an audience at some point, but that time never came.

His material will be released May 30 via Netflix under the title "Norm Macdonald: Nothing Special."

"He didn't do this for the shock that it exists. He shot it because he loved his material and was so proud of his material," Hoekstra said. "He worked so hard, and it really would've bothered him to have done all that work and not been able to show everybody."

"Norm Macdonald: Nothing Special" will also reportedly include commentary about the comic from Adam Sandler, Conan O'Brien, Dave Chappelle, David Letterman, David Spade and Molly Shannon.

Norm Macdonald recorded an hour of new comedy before his death in September. **DAN STEINBERG/AP 2008**

Williams addresses scene leak: Jesse Williams vowed not to be discouraged after leaked video and images of his onstage nude scene in the Broadway play "Take Me Out" were posted online.

"I'm not down about it. Our job is to go out there every night, no matter what," Williams said Thursday.

The leaked video and images prompted an outcry from the show's producers and the union that represents actors and stage managers.

"I'm not really worrying about it. I can't sweat that. We do need to keep advocating for ourselves. And it's wonderful to see a community push back and make clear what we do stand for, what we don't," Williams said. "Consent is important, I thought. So, let's keep that in mind universally."

Williams is starring in a revival of Richard Greenberg's exploration of what happens when a Major League Baseball superstar comes out as gay.

'Bridgerton' role recast: Netflix is shaking up the "Bridgerton" cast by swapping out Ruby Stokes, the original face of Francesca Bridgerton, for Hannah Dodd in the upcoming third season. While Stokes debuted the role in the first season that dropped in late 2020, Francesca has so far only appeared in five episodes across the series' first two seasons.

May 14 birthdays: Director George Lucas is 78. Musician David Byrne is 70. Guitarist C.C. DeVille is 60. Musician Fabrice Morvan is 56. Actor Cate Blanchett is 53. Singer Danny Wood is 53. Director Sofia Coppola is 51. Singer Shanice is 49. Actor Carla Jimenez is 48. Musician Dan Auerbach is 43. Actor Miranda Cosgrove is 29.

ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Grandma's new spouse may sour family trip

Dear Amy: My husband, kids, and I live in a different state than most of my family.

We are planning a trip to my family's state and would like to invite my parents and grandmothers to rent a cabin for a few nights.

I don't see my grandmothers often as they are not well enough to travel too far.

I want to create happy memories with them, my parents and children together. My grandmothers are both widowed, but one of them remarried about a year ago.

Amy, this man is rude and pretentious and makes everyone uncomfortable.

My parents and my other grandmother are not a fan of this man.

I worry spending a whole weekend with him would be too much for everyone.

His presence would likely turn this relaxing time with my family into a weekend revolving around his lectures, narcissistic antics and drama.

Is it selfish of me to only want to spend this precious time with those that bring happiness? Would it be wrong of me to only invite my grandmother? How might I extend this exclusive invite? Or is there a polite and discreet way to ask he not make this trip a disagreeable one?

— Happy Memories Only

Dear Happy: Your grandmother chose to marry, and when she did, the man she married entered your family. For better and — it seems — for worse: He is there.

It is not selfish of you to want "only happiness," but no family can be guaranteed only happy experiences or happy memories. Every family must deal with the challenges presented by their reality.

I suggest that you issue this invitation to everyone, and then do your best to manage this disruptive new family member during your weekend.

If you establish a baseline willingness to stand up to him: ("Excuse me, 'Steve,' but I'd love to hear what my grandmother thinks ...") you might have a better time.

Dear Amy: Our daughter's overseas wedding was first scheduled two summers ago. Family from both sides (mostly) don't live there, so with the borders closed, the ceremony was postponed — twice.

Now the wedding is on — for this July. We are now seeing that a number of guests who RSVP'd that they were coming the first two times now say they cannot make it.

So here is the question: Since we already have the lovely venue paid for a specific number of guests, is it tacky to invite those who "didn't make the first guest list" originally to join us now? If it is not tacky, how might we even phrase that?

— Wondering About Wedding

Dear Wondering: When it comes to "tacky," I take a stance that's probably more Dolly Parton than Emily Post.

I say, be authentic, be polite, and — if you're backed into a corner — be truthful!

Issue your invitations. I don't think it's necessary to make any reference to previous plans when you invite people.

If prospective guests inquire: "Hey, I thought you didn't have room for me!" say, "The pandemic really messed with our plans and some close family members can't make it overseas this summer, so if you are able to join us on relatively short notice, we'd love it!"

Dear Amy: "Concerned Sister" was trying to prompt her aging sister to make some plans for her future.

Thank you for highlighting the need for families to discuss end-of-life issues with one another.

My mother descended into dementia before we had ever discussed these things. In the years I spent caring for her, I often wished I knew what her wishes were. It would have made everything so much easier for me and for other family members who were trying to provide the best care for her.

We were very much in the dark, and I still have regrets about that period.

— With Regrets

Dear Regrets: The situation you describe is what journalist Ellen Goodman was struggling with through her own mother's illness and death, inspiring her to start The Conversation Project (theconversationproject.org), which provides helpful prompts to get families talking.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Arcade Fire doubles down on raging against machines in 'We'

By Lindsay Zoladz
The New York Times

Arcade Fire has always sounded at once representative of and defiantly out of step with its own time. It's easy to slot the group into the aesthetic of the New Sincerity, a post-9/11 ideology that rejected the previous micro-generation's embrace of hip cynicism and postmodern irony. Arcade Fire, by definition, cared. Numbness and ennui were its boogeymen. Throughout the first decade of its run, the Canadian band released a series of loose concept albums that targeted time-tested opiates of the masses — organized religion on "Neon Bible" in 2007, conformist living on "The Suburbs" in 2010.

Still, there was something backward-glancing about the group. Arcade Fire was at its sharpest when it was trying to puncture the inherited mythology of the midcentury past. But it was never quite as successful when it shifted its gaze toward the present and began raging against the machines, first on its 2013 album, "Reflektor," and again on 2017's "Everything Now."

Which is why it's unfortunate that the band doubles down on this approach throughout its sixth album, "We," an LP that wishes to be seen as a course correction but still shares many of its predecessor's thematic fixations. We are living through an age of anxiety and the end of an empire, we are reminded on songs with grand, explanatory titles like, well, "Age of Anxiety I" and "End of the Empire I-IV." The first is a searching, forlorn opener with rhythmic backing vocals that huff and puff shallowly, as if they can never quite catch their breath.

'We'
Arcade Fire (Columbia)

The nine-minute suite "End of the Empire" has a few delightful twists, but is ultimately airy and vague, seeking to channel the sort of modernized vision of impending apocalypse that artists like Phoebe Bridgers ("I Know the End") and Lana Del Rey ("The Greatest") have pulled off more succinctly and sharply.

"Age of Anxiety II (Rabbit Hole)" has some dazzling musical moments, like when a brooding synth line suddenly explodes into the evil twin of New Order's "Bizarre Love Triangle." Win Butler and Regine Chassagne co-produced "We" with Nigel Godrich, known for his work with Radiohead, and their collaboration makes the more up-tempo material pop.

There are a few instances, though, when head-scratching lyrics take the listener out of what should be an ecstatic moment. The catchiest and most upbeat number on "We" is "Unconditional II (Race and Religion)," a neo-'80s pop gem sung by Chassagne with backing vocals from Peter Gabriel. The beat and melodic line are hypnotic, yet the song is built around the hook "I'll be your race and religion" — a weighty, loaded statement that is never unpacked enough to make the listener want to sing along.

Aside from the galvanizing lead single, "The Lightning I, II," which many heralded as a return to form, the band sounds most comfortable on the "We" songs that speak in a folk-rock idiom. The sweet, rollicking "Unconditional I (Lookout Kid)" addresses Butler and Chassagne's 9-year-old son, imparting to him their own hard-won life lessons while reflecting on the limitations of parental guidance. "There are things that you could do that no one else on earth could ever do," Butler sings warmly, "But I can't teach you."

The antidote for the age of anxiety that this record proposes is relatively straightforward: to opt out of the flat and depersonalizing world of the digital rabbit hole and reinvest in IRL personal connection.

Most of the most potent recent art about the agony and ever-diminishing ecstasy of being too online — Patricia Lockwood's novel "No One Is Talking About This," the last few albums by pop group the 1975 — have spoken the language of the internet vividly, with a specificity that suggests its authors are not entirely apart from the culture they're critiquing, and that is precisely what makes their eventual protestations palatable. Arcade Fire's depictions of our techno-dystopia feel more distant and diffuse.

"I unsubscribe," Butler sings repeatedly throughout "End of the Empire," and Chassagne underlines it with her backing vocals until the line's fleeting cleverness wears thin. But what, exactly, are they relinquishing? Despite its occasional moments of brilliance, "We" too often finds Arcade Fire stuck in a digital maze of its own design, ignoring the fact that it's always sounded more at home off the grid.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): You may be good at talking about a change you'd like to make. However, today you might have to do it. While your efforts have helped, the most important strategy could be accepting that nothing can fully prepare you for some transformation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Talking out money issues may be necessary today because there could be a relevant gap in your knowledge. Ask questions about any hunches you have, and listen attentively to anything the other person says. The truth might be better than you ever expected.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Boasting about a big idea to your friends is easy today, but it's time to put in some effort toward making your vision happen. While this may be intimidating, what you learn will likely be worth any frustration. Having the courage to test your plan can show you the best way to pursue it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Being seen as serious in the workplace could be important to you. However, your solemn side might omit something crucial. While being sensitive to standards is good, don't presume rules are stricter than they really are. Express whatever you think needs to be said.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Your buddies may be egging you on to do something, but perhaps you just need to rest — and that's okay. Though you might be afraid you'll never have another opportunity like this if you say no, that probably isn't true. You don't have to go along with every idea your pals have to be a good friend.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You might be wondering if you should accept a gift that has strings attached. This type of provocation doesn't happen every day, and it could push buttons. Consider getting the perspective of a person outside the situation who can help you determine what's healthy.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A close friend might be nudging you to ignore your inhibitions about money. Whatever your answer, it needs to be genuine — not something you feel railroaded into. That said, whoever is pushing you could just be oblivious. A gentle correction should put things back on track.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Putting in practical work toward shared responsibilities may be important for you now. When you detect resentment building up, it's probably time for you to call it a day — or, if the problem seems deeper than that, rearrange everyone's duties to make them more equitable.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Having fun with someone may leave you feeling the need for rest and alone time. What could be sapping your energy is feeling like you can't share certain parts of yourself in this relationship. That said, opening up to the other person has the potential to revive both your connection and your stamina.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Home projects or family issues could consume your thoughts right now. You probably aren't fully aware of how stressed out you are, but you are a human with an emotional nature. Talking your situation over might help you reach insights you would otherwise overlook.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Big talk can get you places today. You're likely to have a contagious confidence in what you say. However, keep in mind that you'll have to deliver on your grand idea later. While details might not be the most important part of your monologue, overlooking them is not wise.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Feeling financially secure can give you space to dream. It's a good time to remember where you've always wanted to go, because you might be able to do something about it now. The role your attitude plays in determining what's possible may be the biggest lesson.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On May 14, 1796, physician Edward Jenner inoculated 8-year-old James Phipps against smallpox by using cowpox matter.

In 1940, the Netherlands surrendered to invading German forces during World War II.

In 1955, representatives from eight Communist bloc countries signed the Warsaw Pact in Poland.

In 1961, Freedom Riders were attacked by violent mobs in Anniston and Birmingham, Alabama.

In 1998, singer-actor Frank Sinatra died at a Los Angeles hospital at age 82. **Also,** the hit sitcom "Seinfeld" aired its final episode.

In 2003, more than 100 immigrants were abandoned in a locked trailer at a Texas truck stop; 19 of them died.

In 2008, the Interior Department declared the polar bear a threatened species because of the loss of Arctic sea ice.

BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

An extra array of word games, search and Jumble. Want more? Play online at ***PlayJumble.com***

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SUDOKU

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit *www.sudoku.org.uk.*

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WORD SEARCH

WORK IT OUT

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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DIAMETER
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ELLIPSE
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FORMULA
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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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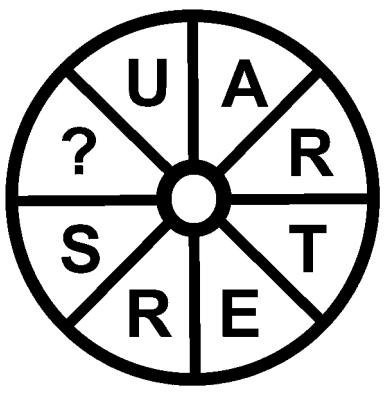
WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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TV CROSSWORD

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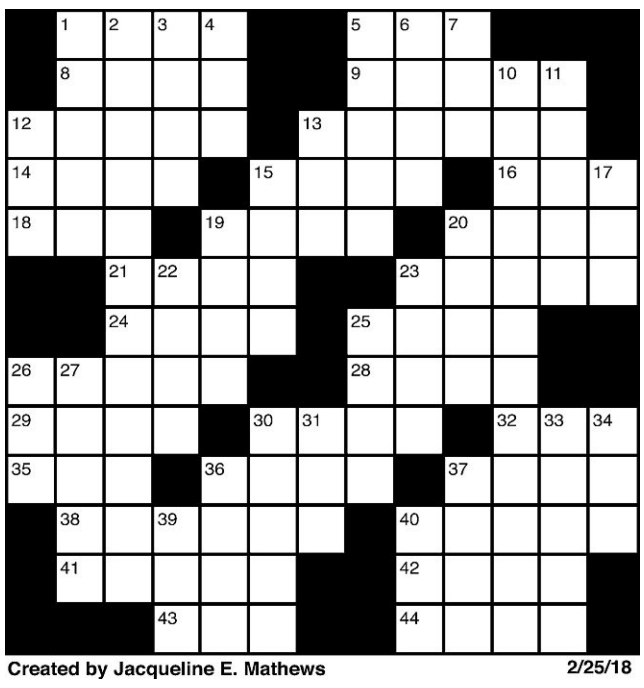

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ACROSS
1 Tim Daly's sister
5 __ Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"
8 "Unhappily __ After"
9 "American __ Warrior"
12 Actor Christopher __
13 Hal of "Barney Miller"
14 __ up; put chips in the pot
15 Mulgrew or Winslet
16 Los Angeles football player
18 Suffix for long or strong
19 Talk show host Kelly __
20 Actress Moore
21 Jack __ of old westerns
23 Brolin of "Life in Pieces"
24 Negative votes
25 "McHale's __"
26 Close and Stonestreet
28 Pitcher
29 "The Amazing __"
30 Garden implements
32 "The __ Couple"
35 "Blame It on __"; movie for Michael Caine
36 Jack __ of the original "Hawaii Five-O"
37 Classic board game
38 One of the Seven Dwarfs
40 Advice from a dentist
41 Uncanny
42 "Elvis has __ the building!"
43 Camera batteries, often
44 Show-__; braggarts

DOWN
1 Adolescents
2 __ Brown; actress on "The Mayor"
3 Actress Campbell
4 Before, to a poet
5 Ekberg or Gillette
6 Number of seasons for "The King of Queens"
7 "Parks __ Recreation"
10 One of the twins on "Little People, Big World"
11 "I Got __"; Jim Croce song
12 Charlotte __ of "The Facts of Life"
13 Drink like Fido
15 Novak and Kardashian
17 Prefix for place or pronounce
19 Walston and Liotta
20 Actor __ Annable
22 "Arsenic and Old __"; Cary Grant movie
23 Highest-grossing film of 1975
25 "__ for Speed"; Aaron Paul movie
26 Make a mistake
27 Employee's delight
30 Lange and others
31 Suffix for access or direct
33 Does a household chore
34 __ Moines, Iowa
36 Princess __; Carrie Fisher's "Star Wars" role
37 Treble __; musical period
39 Historical period
40 Role on "Alice"

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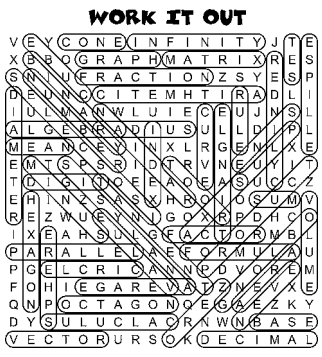

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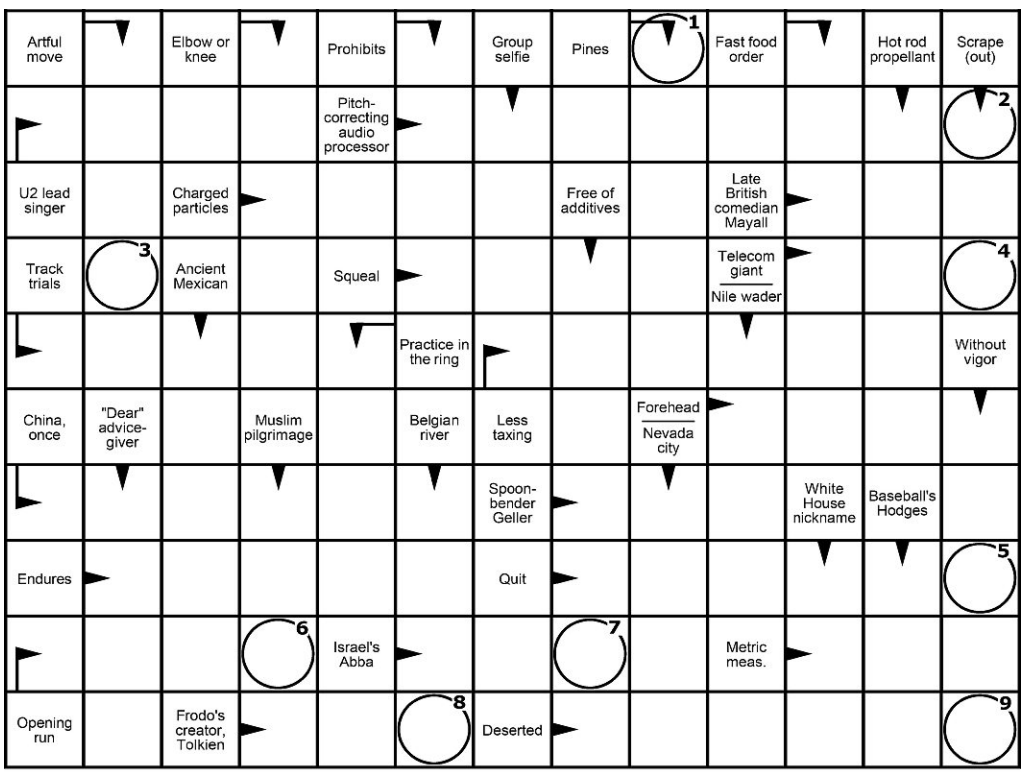
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

_____ A _____ _____

Jumbles: OCTET VOICE KNOTTY FATHOM
Answer: The new bistro was the most elegant in town, and diners — TOOK A FANCY TO IT

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.



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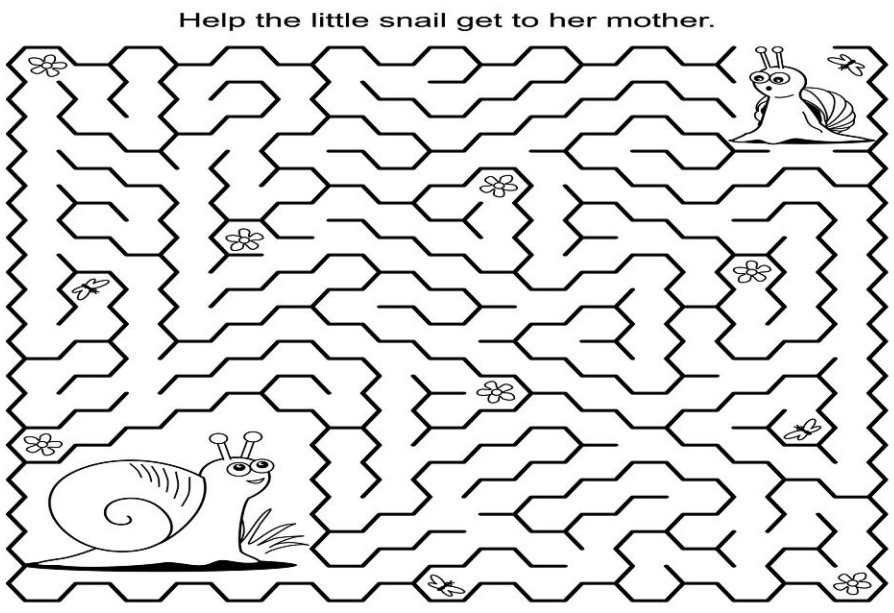
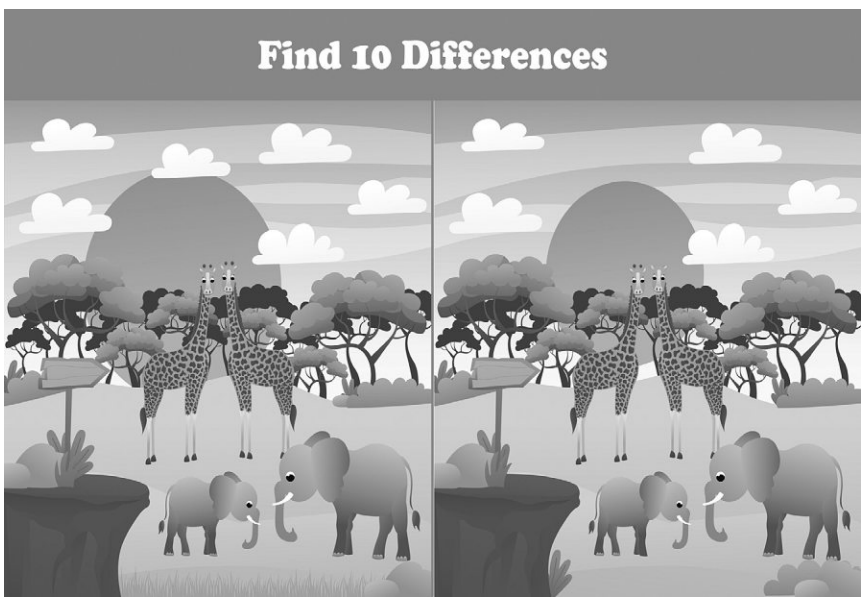
Help the little snail get to her mother.





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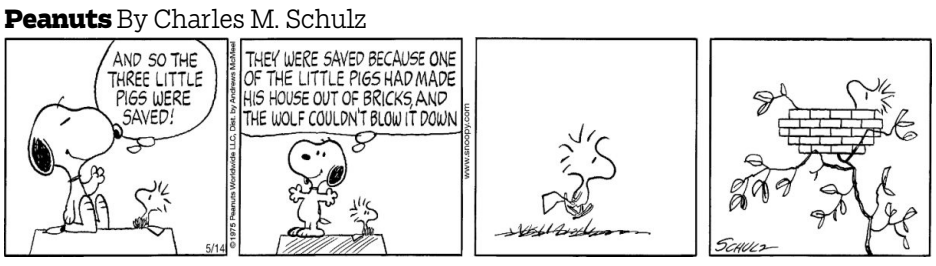
AND SO THE THREE LITTLE PIGS WERE SAVED!
THEY WERE SAVED BECAUSE ONE OF THE LITTLE PIGS HAD MADE HIS HOUSE OUT OF BRICKS, AND THE WOLF COULDN'T BLOW IT DOWN
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SCHULZ

Classic Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

I JUST DON'T GET IT, MIKE— NIKE COULD EASILY PAY ITS WORK FORCE LIVING WAGES AND STILL MAKE HUMONGOUS PROFITS!
I'M NOT GOING TO LET THIS GO, MIKE! I'M TAKING THIS TO THE TOP! I'M TAKING IT TO THE STOCKHOLDERS! I'M TAKING IT TO THE MEDIA!
WHOEVER THE MANAGER OF THAT PLANT IS, HE'S GOING TO BE IN A WORLD OF TROUBLE!
WE HAD ANOTHER HUMAN RIGHTS TOURIST THIS WEEK.
THAT'S NICE. DID YOU CONFIRM MY GOLF DATE?
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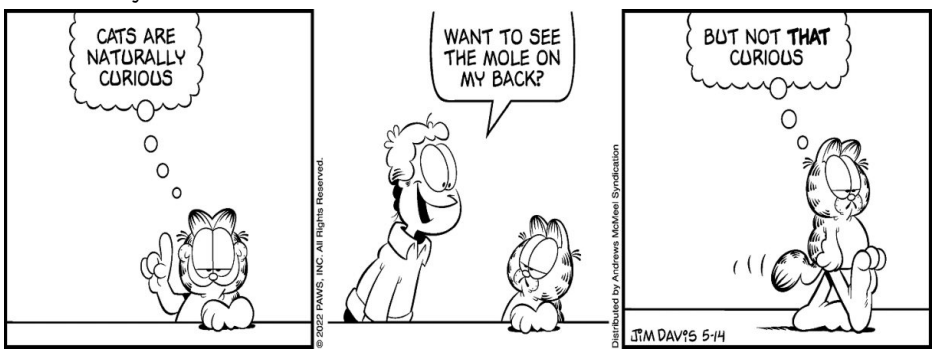
Garfield By Jim Davis


CATS ARE NATURALLY CURIOUS
WANT TO SEE THE MOLE ON MY BACK?
BUT NOT THAT CURIOUS
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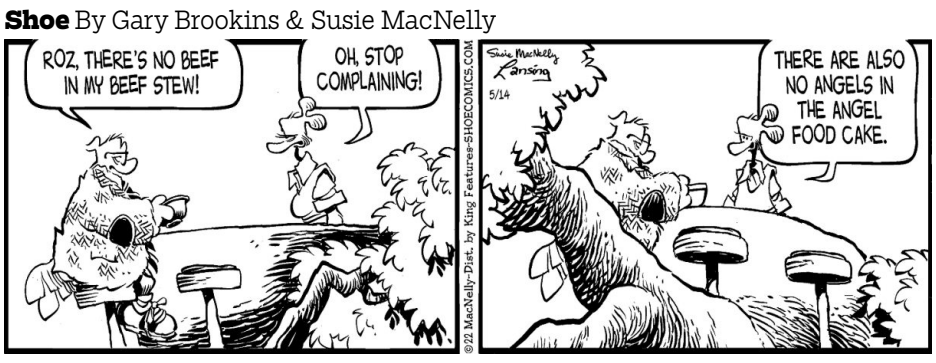
Shoe By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly


ROZ, THERE'S NO BEEF IN MY BEEF STEW!
OH, STOP COMPLAINING!
THERE ARE ALSO NO ANGELS IN THE ANGEL FOOD CAKE.
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Dustin By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?
I'M NOT SURE.
MAYBE A POLICEMAN OR A FIREMAN.
HOW ABOUT YOU?
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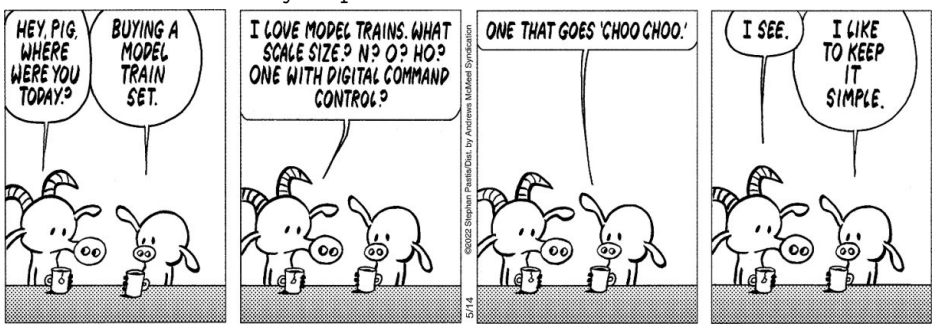
Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis


HEY, PIG, WHERE WERE YOU TODAY?
BUYING A MODEL TRAIN SET.
I LOVE MODEL TRAINS. WHAT SCALE SIZE? N? O? HO? ONE WITH DIGITAL COMMAND CONTROL?
ONE THAT GOES 'CHOO CHOO.'
I SEE.
I LIKE TO KEEP IT SIMPLE.
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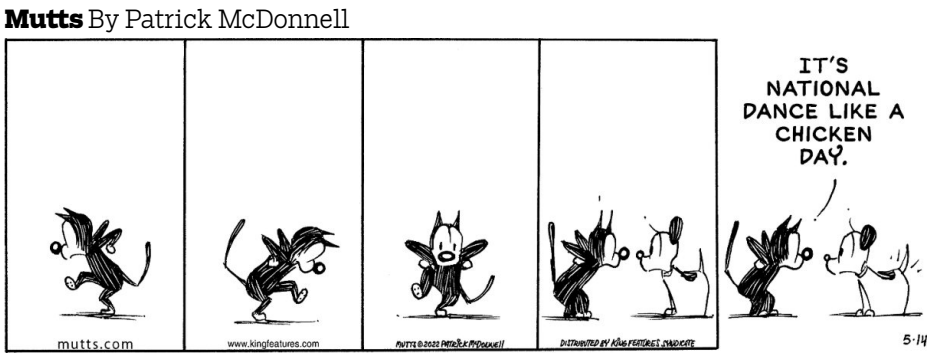
Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



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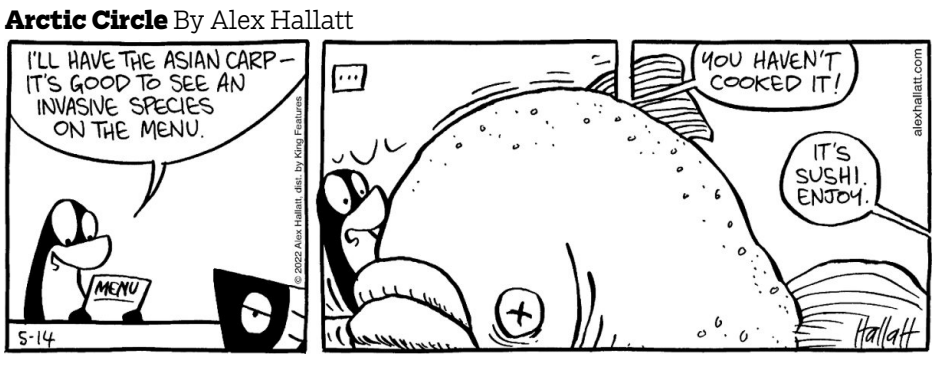
I'LL HAVE THE ASIAN CARP— IT'S GOOD TO SEE AN INVASIVE SPECIES ON THE MENU.
MENU
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YOU HAVEN'T COOKED IT!
IT'S SUSHI. ENJOY.
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Jump Start By Robb Armstrong

HOW DID YOUR PODCAST INTERVIEW GO, NICOLE?
UH-
I STORMED OUT WHEN THEY BEGAN ASKING PERSONAL QUESTIONS!
ISN'T THAT WHAT AN INTERVIEW IS? IT LITERALLY MEANS "TO LOOK INSIDE" A PERSON'S LIFE!
WHATEVER YOU DO, BABE, DON'T "LOOK INSIDE" ANY SUPERMARKET TABLOIDS, OK?
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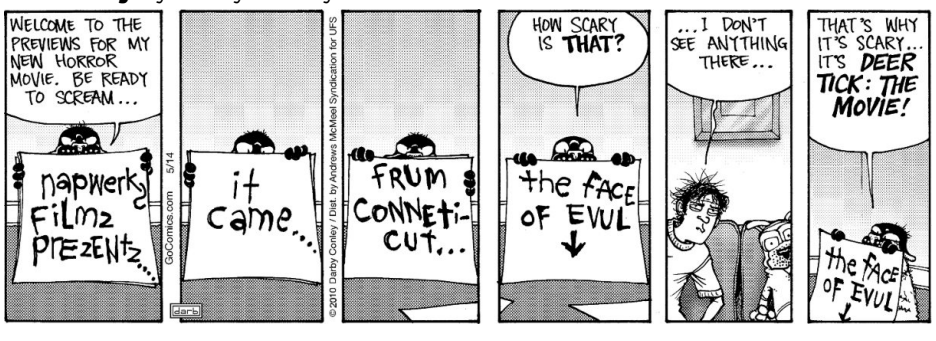
Get Fuzzy By Darby Conley


WELCOME TO THE PREVIEWS FOR MY NEW HORROR MOVIE. BE READY TO SCREAM...
napwerks Filmz prezentz...
it came...
FRUM CONNETI-CUT...
HOW SCARY IS THAT?
the FACE OF EVUL
...I DON'T SEE ANYTHING THERE...
THAT'S WHY IT'S SCARY... IT'S DEER TICK: THE MOVIE!
the FACE OF EVUL
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Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall

WOW, THOSE ARE COOL, ELMO ...WHAT ARE YOU WEARING?
NEW SOCCER HEAD GUARDS
THE COOL KIDS WEAR 'EM
LOOK, MR. B., WE'RE HEADING THE BALL JUST LIKE THE PROS!
WE'RE ABOUT TO BREAK A RECORD... 15 HEADERS!
AMAZING!
OKAY, I GIVE UP...WHAT NOW?
I'M GOING FOR 20 MEATBALL HEADERS, HONEY!
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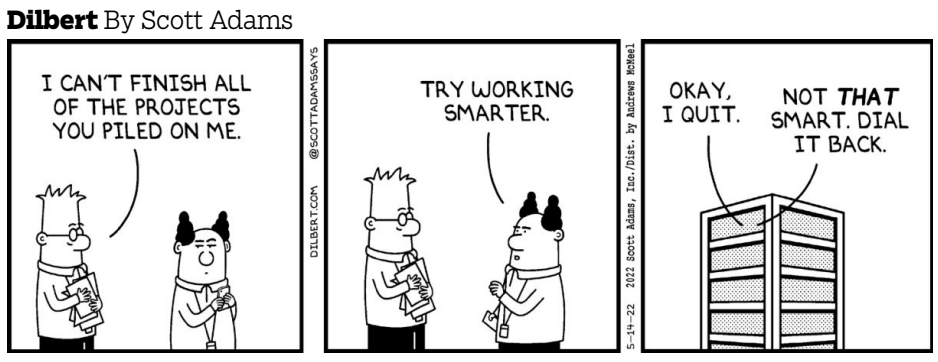
Dilbert By Scott Adams


I CAN'T FINISH ALL OF THE PROJECTS YOU PILED ON ME.
TRY WORKING SMARTER.
OKAY, I QUIT.
NOT THAT SMART. DIAL IT BACK.
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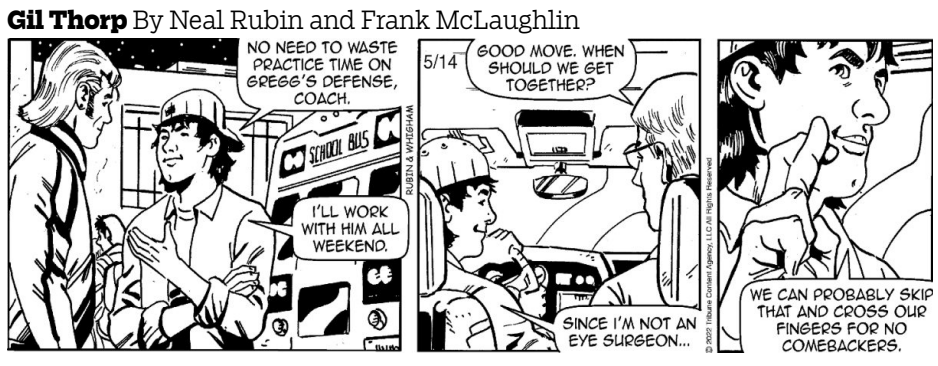
Gil Thorp By Neal Rubin and Frank McLaughlin


NO NEED TO WASTE PRACTICE TIME ON GREGG'S DEFENSE, COACH.
I'LL WORK WITH HIM ALL WEEKEND.
SCHOOL BUS
RUBIN & WHEELHAM
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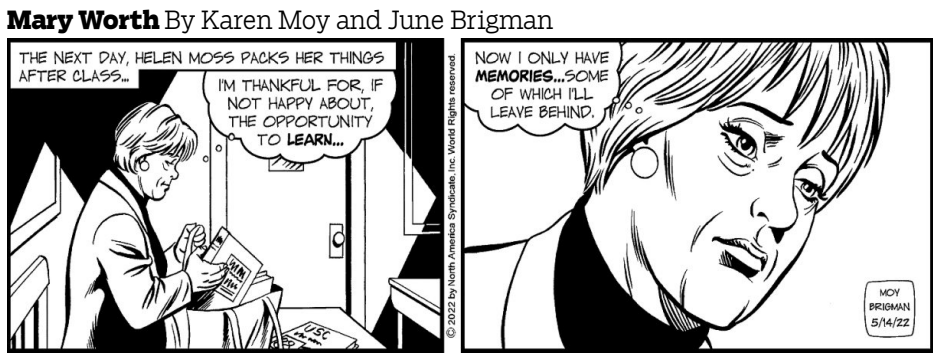
GOOD MOVE. WHEN SHOULD WE GET TOGETHER?
SINCE I'M NOT AN EYE SURGEON...
WE CAN PROBABLY SKIP THAT AND CROSS OUR FINGERS FOR NO COMEBACKERS.

Mary Worth By Karen Moy and June Brigman


THE NEXT DAY, HELEN MOSS PACKS HER THINGS AFTER CLASS...
I'M THANKFUL FOR, IF NOT HAPPY ABOUT, THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN...
NOW I ONLY HAVE MEMORIES...SOME OF WHICH I'LL LEAVE BEHIND.
MOY BRIGMAN 5/14/22
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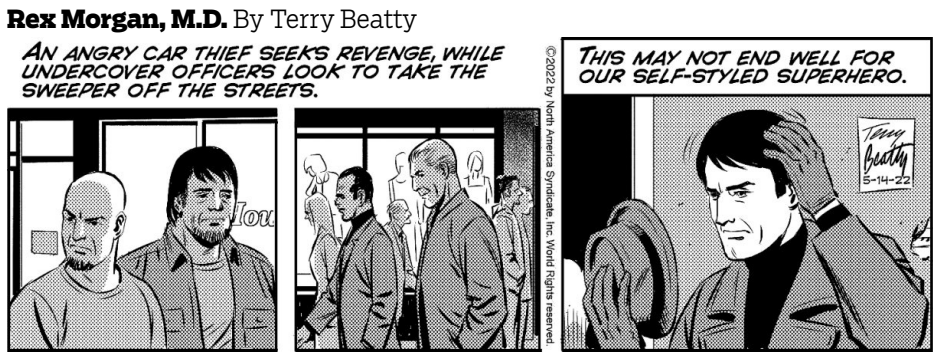
Rex Morgan, M.D. By Terry Beatty


AN ANGRY CAR THIEF SEEKS REVENGE, WHILE UNDERCOVER OFFICERS LOOK TO TAKE THE SWEEPER OFF THE STREETS.
THIS MAY NOT END WELL FOR OUR SELF-STYLED SUPERHERO.
Terry Beatty 5-14-22
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Judge Parker By Woody Wilson and Mike Manley

ALL THIS IS...I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, SOPH. BUT I AGREE WITH YOU. SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT, BECAUSE NO WAY DID ABBEY SET FIRE TO HER B&B.
I KNOW... I KNOW...
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BUT I REALLY NEED TO SEE THAT DRONE FOOTAGE.
OKAY, BUT AFTER ABBEY AND SAM GO TO SLEEP...IN SEPARATE BEDROOMS.
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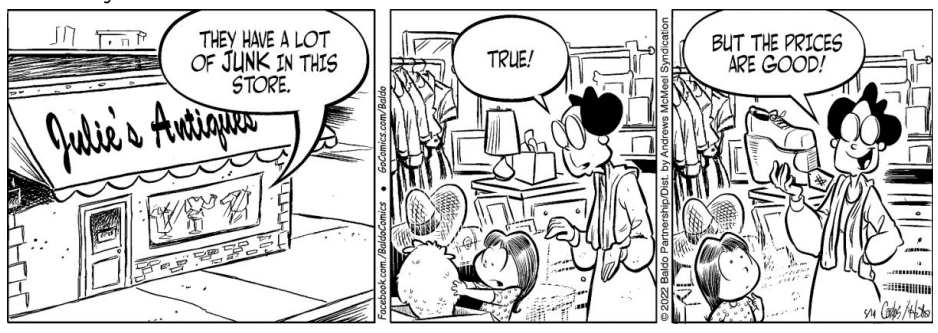
Baldo By Cantu and Castellanos


THEY HAVE A LOT OF JUNK IN THIS STORE.
Julie's Antiques
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BUT THE PRICES ARE GOOD!
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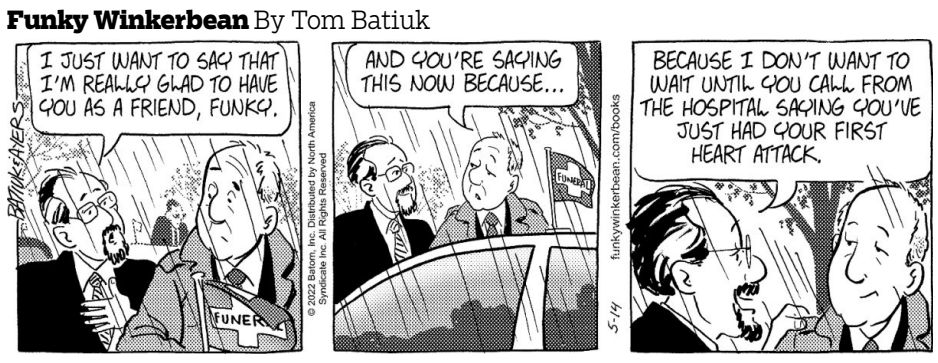
Funky Winkerbean By Tom Batiuk


I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I'M REALLY GLAD TO HAVE YOU AS A FRIEND, FUNKY.
AND YOU'RE SAYING THIS NOW BECAUSE...
BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO WAIT UNTIL YOU CALL FROM THE HOSPITAL SAYING YOU'VE JUST HAD YOUR FIRST HEART ATTACK.
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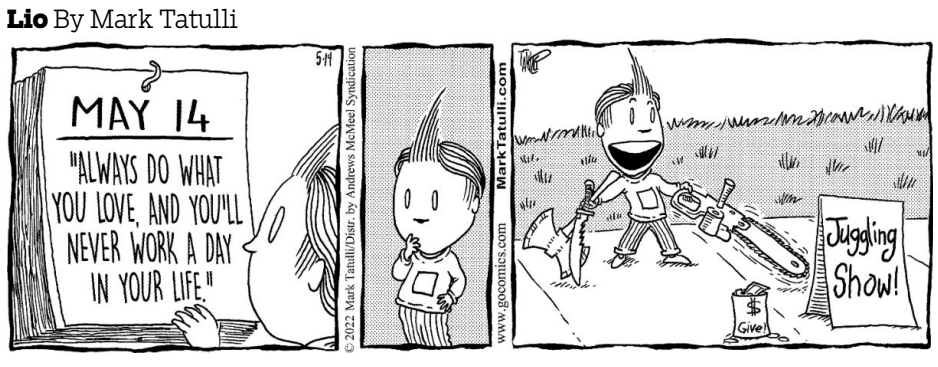
Lio By Mark Tatulli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"ALWAYS DO WHAT YOU LOVE, AND YOU'LL NEVER WORK A DAY IN YOUR LIFE."
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Wizard Of Id By Johnny Hart and Brant Parker

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WOW! THE WIZARD'S BREWING AN INTERESTING CURSE
NEVER SEEN HIM STUB HIS TOE ON THE CAULDRON BEFORE
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Rhymes With Orange By Hilary Price

THE DUO
I deserve better as your pardner.
YOU SAY WE'RE A TEAM, BUT YOU GO AROUND CALLING YOURSELF THE LONE RANGER.
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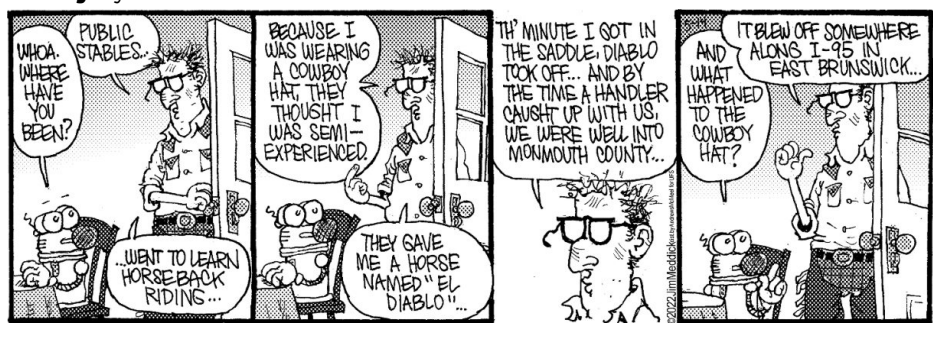
WHOA. WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
PUBLIC STABLES...
...WENT TO LEARN HORSEBACK RIDING...
BECAUSE I WAS WEARING A COWBOY HAT, THEY THOUGHT I WAS SEMI-EXPERIENCED.
THEY GAVE ME A HORSE NAMED "EL DIABLO"...
TH' MINUTE I GOT IN THE SADDLE, DIABLO TOOK OFF... AND BY THE TIME A HANDLER CAUGHT UP WITH US, WE WERE WELL INTO MONMOUTH COUNTY...
AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THE COWBOY HAT?
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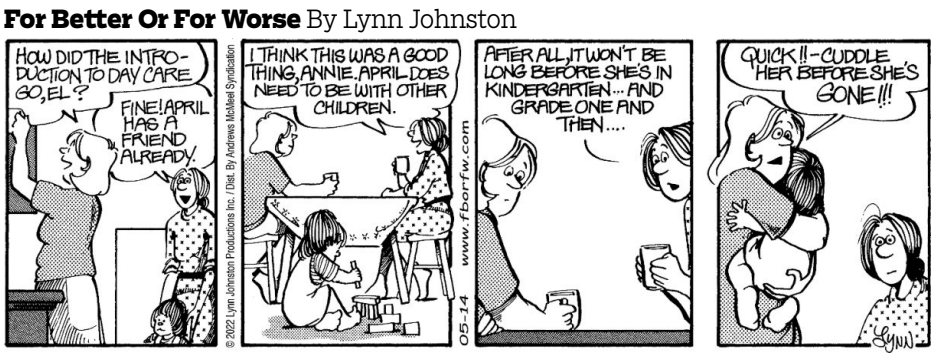
HOW DID THE INTRO-DUCTION TO DAY CARE GO, EL?
FINE! APRIL HAS A FRIEND ALREADY.
I THINK THIS WAS A GOOD THING, ANNIE. APRIL DOES NEED TO BE WITH OTHER CHILDREN.
AFTER ALL, IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE SHE'S IN KINDERGARTEN... AND GRADE ONE AND THEN....
QUICK!! - CUDDLE HER BEFORE SHE'S GONE!!!
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B.C. By Hart

Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker

CAN YOU GET THE PAPER? I'M NOT DRESSED
OKAY
GREG + MORT WALKER 5/14
WAIT A MINUTE, I'M NOT DRESSED, EITHER
BUT YOU DON'T CARE HOW YOU LOOK
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Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne

YOU'RE RECAULKING THE WINDOWS IN YOUR GARAGE AGAIN?
YEAH
ERIC RAHKE
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YOU SHOULD TELL CHIP'S BAND TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME.
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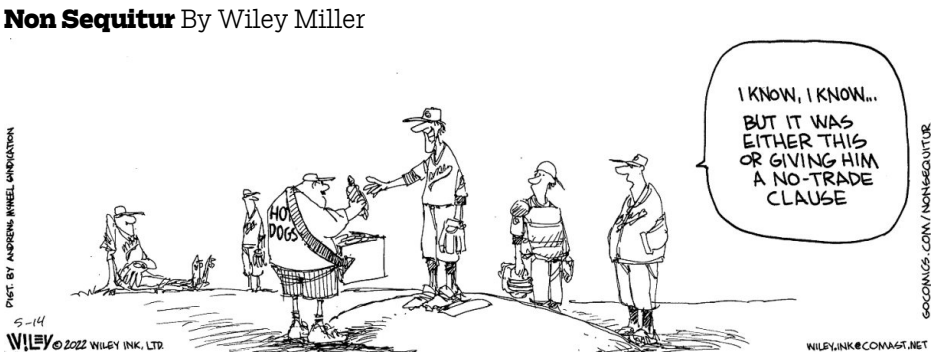
I KNOW, I KNOW... BUT IT WAS EITHER THIS OR GIVING HIM A NO-TRADE CLAUSE
HOT DOGS
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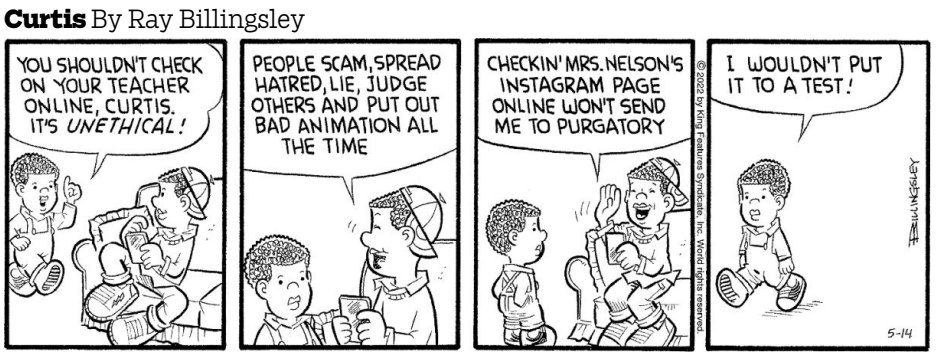
YOU SHOULDN'T CHECK ON YOUR TEACHER ONLINE, CURTIS. IT'S UNETHICAL!
PEOPLE SCAM, SPREAD HATRED, LIE, JUDGE OTHERS AND PUT OUT BAD ANIMATION ALL THE TIME
CHECKIN' MRS. NELSON'S INSTAGRAM PAGE ONLINE WON'T SEND ME TO PURGATORY
I WOULDN'T PUT IT TO A TEST!
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JOHNSONTEEN
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Pickles By Brian Crane

I DID SOMETHING THOUGHTFUL FOR YOU TODAY.
OH, WHAT WAS THAT?
I BOUGHT YOU A LITTLE RUG TO PUT IN FRONT OF THE KITCHEN SINK.
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I THOUGHT THAT'D MAKE IT A LITTLE EASIER ON YOUR FEET WHEN YOU'RE STANDING THERE WASHING THE DISHES.
NO GOOD DEED GOES UNPUNISHED.
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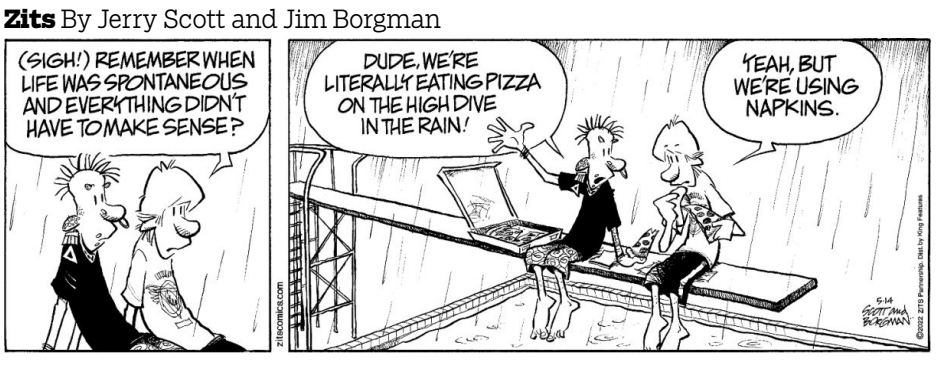
(SIGH!) REMEMBER WHEN LIFE WAS SPONTANEOUS AND EVERYTHING DIDN'T HAVE TO MAKE SENSE?
DUDE, WE'RE LITERALLY EATING PIZZA ON THE HIGH DIVE IN THE RAIN!
YEAH, BUT WE'RE USING NAPKINS.
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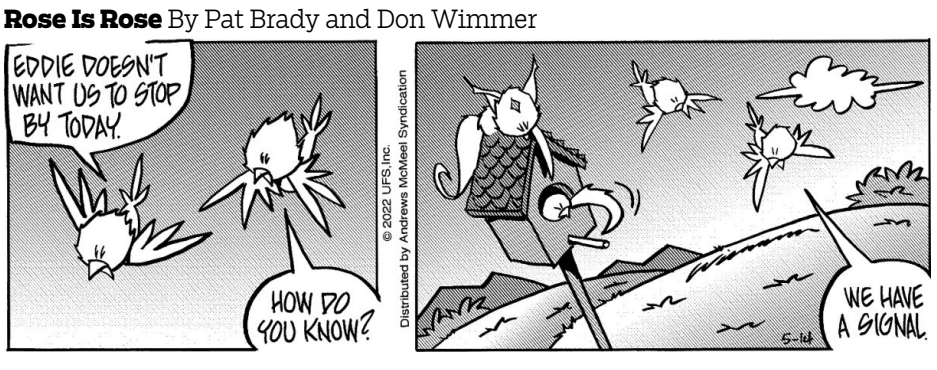
Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady and Don Wimmer


EDDIE DOESN'T WANT US TO STOP BY TODAY.
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
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WE HAVE A SIGNAL.

Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters

WHAT ARE YOU EATING?!
MOM'S SAUERKRAUT SURPRISE CAKE
WHAT'S THE SURPRISE?
...IT'S NOT AS BAD AS IT SOUNDS
MIKE PETERS
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CROSSWORD

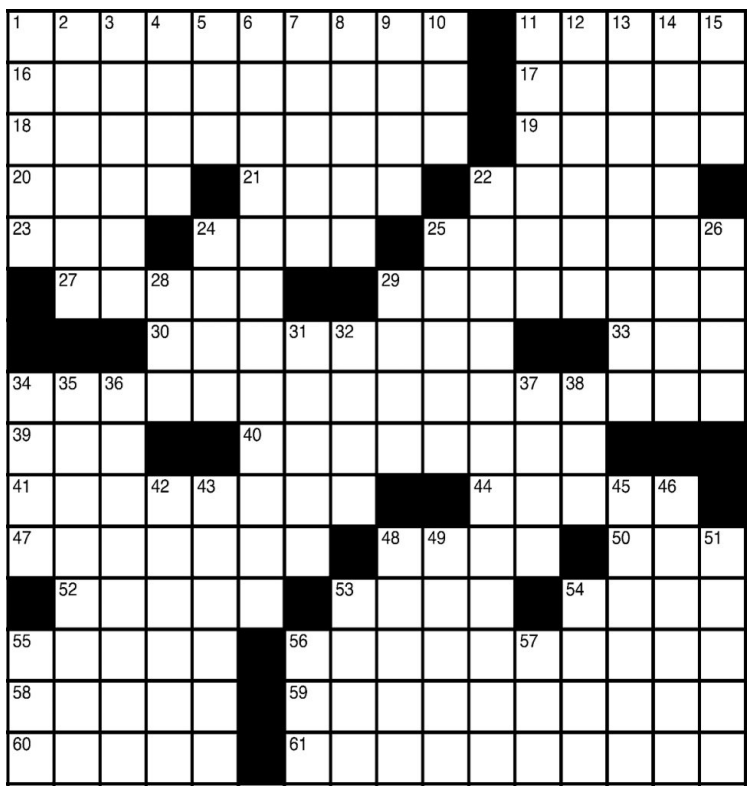
EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

Across

1 Improve one's class?
11 Quick
16 Alcopop kin
17 Bring out
18 Single, but way too flawed
19 Giant
20 Polish site
21 "Git!"
22 Nucleotide triplet
23 Test for some srs.
24 Cena of "Peacemaker"
25 Mariah Carey holiday hit
27 Resort town named for a native tree
29 Mixed __
30 Full of nervous energy
33 "The Rotters' Club" novelist Jonathan
34 Current events TikTok segment that V Spehar broadcasts from their office floor
39 Milne hopper
40 Famished
41 Holiness
44 Étouffée option
47 Arctic wear
48 1856 Stowe novel
50 Umbrella spoke
52 Word in British placenames
53 Natural satellite
54 "Have it your way"
55 Dong-hyuk who created "Squid Game"
56 "Can I have a bit more time?"
58 Make one
59 Wheelie bike feature
60 Mascot whose weight is listed as "Top Heavy"
61 Challenges for a translator, perhaps

Down

1 Chased a pitch
2 Kwanzaa candelabra
3 West __
4 Toll
5 Do one's part?
6 Walks out, say
7 Laurel and Hardy producer
8 First British martyr
9 Scapula neighbor, for short
10 Long start, once
11 Throw again
12 Brand whose website has a "3 Stripe Life" section
13 Table
14 "Maybe later"
15 Cozy spot
22 Queen's gambit, for one
24 Raspberry
25 Elizabeth who plays Scarlet Witch in the MCU
26 Improves, maybe
28 Tense beginning?
29 Eliot title hero
31 "__ how I roll"
32 Tax
34 Bear up?
35 "It went straight to voice mail"
36 2014 memoir subtitled "Stories of Life, Death, and Brain Surgery"
37 Western Asia native
38 Govt. cybersecurity monitor
42 [I'm so uncomfortable right now]
43 Retailer with a RedCard credit card
45 Bell hooks, for one
46 Time slot with talk shows
48 Part of DKNY
49 "Succession" sibling
51 Tops
53 Happy __
54 Make one
55 "Let me think ... "
56 "Full Frontal" network
57 D.C. player



By Beth Rubin — Tribune Content Agency 5/14/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 10 4 2
♥ Q
♦ K 10 6
♣ Q J 9 5 3

WEST
♠ 7 6 5
♥ 10 8 6 4 3
♦ 9 7 3 2
♣ 6

EAST
♠ A J 9
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ 8 5
♣ A 10 8 7

SOUTH
♠ Q 8 3
♥ A J 9
♦ A Q J 4
♣ K 4 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 NT

Opening lead — four of hearts.

Handle with care

There are many hands where declarer runs into bad luck and, as a result, cannot make the contract, regardless of what he does.

However, there are also many other hands where declarer fails, and the outcome is attributed to bad luck — but where subsequent analysis reveals that he actually contributed to his own demise.

For a good illustration, consider this deal where South was in three notrump and West led a heart. Declarer took East's king with the ace and led a low club to dummy's jack. East won with the ace and returned the heart deuce to South's nine and West's ten.

West continued with the three of hearts to the jack, but when declarer next cashed the king of clubs and West showed out, there was no way to avoid going down one. Altogether, East-West scored three heart tricks and their two black aces.

Bad luck, South could easily say, but the plain fact is that he himself blew the contract. With proper care, he could have assured three notrump regardless of how the adverse cards were divided.

The correct play is to lead a diamond to the ten at trick two and return a low club to the king. In the actual case, East cannot afford to rise with the ace, so South wins the trick. Next comes a diamond to the king, followed by a low spade from dummy. Again, East cannot afford to go up with the ace, and South's queen wins. Declarer then leads a club to the jack to establish his ninth trick.

The outcome is certain to be the same if West holds either or both black aces. If he does, he cannot safely return a heart, and South has all the time he needs to develop the game-going tricks. Declarer's aim throughout is to prevent East from getting on lead early enough to lead through the J-9 of hearts.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SSSYA

INFLA

RMWARO

LTELAR

Whoa! That wasn't the ticket price from the other day.
Now they're sky high!
JUMBLE AIR
IND
LAS
Economy seat: $850 RT per passenger
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A RAPID INCREASE IN THE COST OF JET FUEL CAN CAUSE ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

TO

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: EXPEL NERVY HAIRDO FONDUE
Answer: To explain in detail exactly how he lost so much weight, he — EXPOUNDED

TODAY'S SUDOKU

	7	2					4	
			9	3	6			8
						6		
		7	1	4	3	2		
				8				
		3	7	9	2	1		
		1						
4			2	5	9			
	2					9	3	

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

3	7	4	9	2	6	5	8	1
8	1	2	5	4	7	3	9	6
6	5	9	8	3	1	7	2	4
5	4	8	1	6	9	2	7	3
7	6	1	3	5	2	9	4	8
2	9	3	4	7	8	1	6	5
1	8	5	7	9	4	6	3	2
4	2	7	6	1	3	8	5	9
9	3	6	2	8	5	4	1	7

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

J	O	A	D			D	U	M	A			S	T	A	N	S
O	U	Z	O			I	P	O	S			H	A	B	I	T
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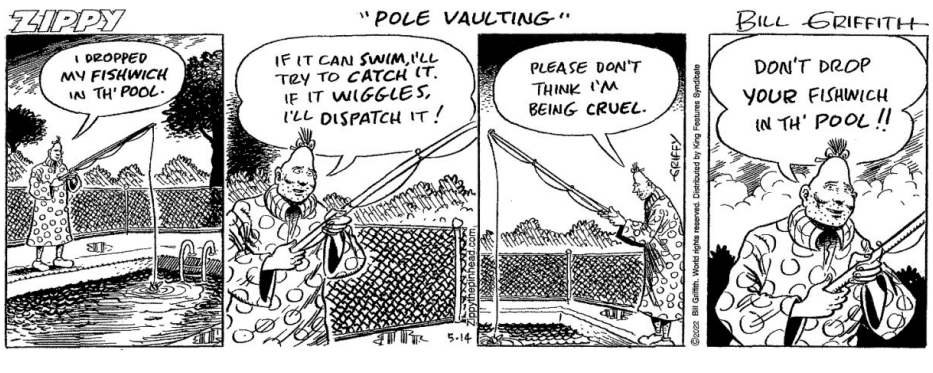
ZIPPY
"POLE VAULTING"
BILL GRIFFITH
I DROPPED MY FISHWICH IN TH' POOL.
IF IT CAN SWIM, I'LL TRY TO CATCH IT. IF IT WIGGLES, I'LL DISPATCH IT!
PLEASE DON'T THINK I'M BEING CRUEL.
DON'T DROP YOUR FISHWICH IN TH' POOL!!
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Mark Wagner, who converted his 1962 VW Beetle ragtop from gas to electric, charges it April 19 at a charging station in Irvine, California. **IRFAN KHAN/LOS ANGELES TIMES**

Fueling the EV conversion

They'll turn your gas guzzler into an electric, but be prepared to wait

By Ronald D. White
Los Angeles Times

Mark Wagner isn't sure what he enjoys more: the looks he gets when he pulls his ancient Volkswagen ragtop into a EV charger parking space, or the looks he gets because of what he does next.

Wagner's car rolled off of a VW Beetle assembly line in 1962, the year Russian leader Nikita Khrushchev played nuclear brinkmanship with President Kennedy.

But Wagner's Bug no longer carries an upgraded, Cold War-era 40-horsepower engine and 12.5 gallon fuel tank. They've been replaced with a Curtis C-50 Brushless electric motor and part of an 85kWh battery pack scavenged from a Tesla Model S.

"People see a classic car like this pull into a charging space, it's like, 'Well, that jerk's blocking the charger,'" said Wagner, 46. "But then I open up the back, pull the charging cord and plug it in, and then it's like, 'Wait — that's electric? Can I see it?'"

With gasoline prices at nosebleed levels and concerns about climate change and pollution high, interest in electric vehicles is greater than ever based on Google search trends. But supply chain problems have led to shortages of new EVs, which has pushed up prices for used vehicles, said Mike Spagnola, chief executive of the Specialty Equipment Market Association.

As a result, converting internal combustion engine vehicles to electric "has become more and more popular," particularly for owners of classic cars, Spagnola said. "It's a market that will continue to grow in 2022."

"These are people who love their cars and want to continue driving them, without worrying about the scarcity of parts for these older cars," Spagnola said. "It's about prolonging their longevity and, sometimes, it's about having less of an impact on the environment."

Skateboarding legend Tony Hawk can probably afford any car on the market, and he already owns a Tesla Model S and a Lucid Air, among others. But one of his favorites is the 1964 Chevy Corvette Stingray, black with a red interior, that he acquired in 2004, he said, after his retirement from skateboard competitions.

"It was the first cool-looking sports car that I saw when I was young, and it reminded me of the Batmobile," Hawk said. "I told myself that I would buy one when I got older if I could ever afford it." But lately, driving the car had become more of an exercise in frustration, so Hawk decided to turn the car electric.

"As much as I love the Mopar transmission, it was always a hassle to start and I could never drive it more than 20 miles without worrying about it breaking down," he said.

Car lovers like Wagner and Hawk are feeding an EV conversion boom, but there aren't enough companies to meet demand. Waiting lists are sometimes two years long.

For EV West, one of the West Coast's most popular EV and internal combustion makeover shops, it's much longer.

"Our shop has a five-year wait list," said EV West owner Michael Bream, who began his company 13 years ago, inspired in part by — you guessed it — an earlier leap in fuel prices.

"If you called us and you're like, 'Hey, Michael. I absolutely want to convert this car.' We can't get you in, so we're going to have to send you to one of our sister shops" that EV West works with on a collaborative basis, Bream said.

On a recent afternoon, Hawk's car was up on a car lift at EV West's San Marcos headquarters outside San Diego. That's also where Wagner's '62 Beetle conversion took place at a cost of $32,000.

Bream said a typical conversion starts at around $18,000. Some of the more expensive builds, for high performance, can run well past $30,000.

After the conversion, maintenance becomes primarily a matter of keeping the vintage parts of the car going, which can be handled by the car's regular mechanic, Bream said.

Turning a car electric is complicated and time consuming; it's not just dropping in an electric motor and battery and sending the customer on his or her way. Every type of car, truck or van requires its own intricate solution.

Bream has collected a huge amount of parts on site and 3D printers are used to fabricate other parts and for finishing touches that give the feeling that everything belongs. Some analog fuel tank gauges are there, but now the "F" to "E" is reporting how much battery charge remains.

For example, "this Corvette is fiberglass," Bream said of Hawk's car. "You don't want to cut it. You don't want to alter it. You want to keep it as original as absolutely possible."

Bream said company engineers and technicians used a bolt-in assembly housing a Tesla Model S motor for part of the installation.

"This way you can also reconvert back to combustion," he said. "It's important that we keep the conversions reversible. So we haven't taken any value out of the car."

With shortages still affecting most aspects of the supply chain, it might seem likely that there would be spirited competition among conversion companies for the most prized batteries, which are made by Tesla. But there seems to be no shortage of Tesla owners who have gone out and seriously wrecked their cars, while managing to not damage the batteries.

"There's no competition, because everybody's really busy," Bream said. "We're all on the same page, just trying to build fun, electric cars."

For his Beetle ragtop, Wagner wanted to mimic the original car as much as possible, and the interior has been carefully upgraded.

"The gas gauge is now the battery monitor. They also gave me these knobs that have a real vintage feel to them," he said.

The 100-mile range of the car, when driven conservatively, is enough for him to use it as his daily driver, to and from work and for errands. He's even driven up to Big Bear from his home in Irvine. One charge gets him to the base of the mountain, where he stops to eat and relax a bit while his car charges for the last 30 miles uphill.

"It's my forever car," Wagner said.

Tony Hawk has some pretty specific plans for the first thing he wants to do with his finished Corvette Stingray conversion. Asked where he might drive it first, Hawk said "to and from my half-pipe!"

Will higher gas prices change your travel plans?

By Patricia Sheridan
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A recent survey by AAA found 80% of Americans questioned said they would make changes and drive less due to the high price of gas. But will they?

The AAA travel agents have been very busy this year as COVID-19 restrictions ease. "They are getting phone calls asking what is available as far as domestic travel and beyond," said Jim Garrity, director of public affairs for AAA East Central.

One of the side effects of the pandemic is a pent-up demand to get back on the road and get out of town, and that desire might overpower the high cost at the pump.

"When AAA surveyed consumers about what their breaking point would be in terms of gas prices, the majority said when it hit the $4 mark per gallon, they would make changes to their driving habits," Garrity said.

That means more carpooling, combining trips and errands, reducing the amount of time spent on the road, and cutting back in other areas such as dining out.

If you want to have your trip and save money, too, AAA has several tips for stretching a gallon of gas.

"Running your car down to E is not one of them," Garrity said.

- Slow down and drive the speed limit.
- Reduce trips and lighten your load.
- Avoid "jackrabbit" starts and hard acceleration.
- Avoid extended idling to warm up the engine.
- When approaching a red light or stop sign, take your foot off the gas early and allow your car to coast down to a slower speed until it is time to brake.
- Use cruise control to help maintain a constant speed and save fuel.
- Keep tires properly inflated.

The price of diesel fuel is still high, as the sign at this Flying J truck stop advertises in Pearl, Miss. **ROGELIO V. SOLIS/AP**

The 2023 Subaru Solterra comes standard with all-wheel drive. **SUBARU**

AUTO REVIEW

2023 Solterra is the electric crossover for Subaru people

By Casey Williams
Tribune News Service

Subaru knows its people, who are among the most loyal to any automotive brand. They love their Outbacks, Foresters, Ascents and WRXs. They are also among the most environmentally conscious, dog-friendly, off-roading auto owners around. They take their kids to school and hike on the weekends. What they haven't had until now is an electric vehicle of their own. That changes with the 2023 Solterra that I just sampled in California.

A little background: The Solterra was co-developed with Toyota, which offers the similar bZ4X and Lexus RZ 450e. Manufacturing is by Toyota in Japan, rolling out of the plant better known for the Lexus LC supercoupe and legendary Toyota Supra sports car. It's the product of a thoroughly functional blended family.

Styling is more Toyota than Subaru with roof and pillars reminiscent of the RAV4, but Subaru clearly influenced final details. The front fascia outline echoes Subaru's trademark grille, and the black wheelwell cladding and C-shaped lighting elements are pure Subaru. The roof rack supports 700 lbs. of tent and campers should they want to go off-grid. Range-enhancing aerodynamics are enhanced by flow-through air blades in front, underbody tray and split hatch spoiler.

2023 Subaru Solterra

Five-passenger, AWD Crossover
Base price: $44,995 (minus $7,500 fed credit)
Powertrain: Li-ion batteries/motors
Output: 215 hp/249 lb.-ft
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 18"/18" alloy
Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc
Must-have features: Performance, Utility
Driving range: 222 miles
0-60 mph: 6.5s
Economy: 104 mpg-e

There's a lot of Toyota inside, too. The intuitive widescreen infotainment system could have come from a Tundra, but the flatscreen gauge cluster is placed high and deep for a heads-up effect. Seats come in cloth or Subaru's StarTex vegan leather that's easy to wash after a day in the brush. Storage abounds with the flybridge console, door cubbies, and roomy luggage compartment that's accessed through a power hatch.

Our test car was loaded like a Lexus with standard heated seats, Harman Kardon audio, panoramic sunroof, wireless and Apple CarPlay/Android Auto. A full suite of crash avoidance systems, marketed as part of Subaru's EyeSight suite, include automatic emergency braking front/rear, lane keep assist, and safe exit assist to keep passengers from stepping into traffic. One assumes the body structure is pretty stout as well, though we have yet to see final crash results.

Our Solterra drive route left from a block from the beach in Santa Barbara — a perfect venue for testing urban and freeway driving. It's nearly silent, with only faint motor whine, whether slipping through traffic or surfing on-ramps. All that torque carried us through coastal mountains as if propelled by a swift sea breeze. The suspension is tuned for comfort over athletics, but it's completely competent unless you're into auto-crossing.

Subaru clearly understands its customers and conjured an EV that will surely join many loyal owners' garages ... and attract new acolytes as well. The hardest part of owning a Solterra may be getting one as they're sure to be in short supply.

Ideas to keep squirrels away

Bob Weber
Motormouth

DREAMSTIME

Oh rats! Dear readers, please indulge me. My comments first, before the questions. Every spring I get numerous emails about squirrels, mice, groundhogs (they prefer to be called woodchucks), rabbits and unidentified chewing critters. And every year, when I answer one reader's query, I get scads of suggested solutions — some sweet and some not so much. Here, with no more bloviating, are samples from my inbox.

C.B., Harwood Heights. Illinois: Regarding rodents building nests in car engines, I had a big rodents nest that I had to chip out by hand! Very nasty. I then took it to the repair shop. They suggested peppermints. I melted 15 red/white peppermints in 2 cups of hot water, then put the mixture into a spray bottle. A quick spray into each wheel well when putting the car into the garage has worked wonders. No more critters, and it smells good. Try it!

G.R. New Tripoli, Pennsylvania: The problem of rodents chewing wires is not isolated. They are attracted to the soybean-based insulation in newer vehicles. There is a solution that works. Bounce dryer sheets have unique smell that rodents find offensive. It works in campers and in the dashboards of seldom used machinery. Inexpensive and no poisons.

J.P., Oswego, Illinois: They got me twice, $500 each time (comprehensive did cover except for the deductible). They not only ate wiring, they filled the inner wheel wells with nesting materials and had babies. One died in the air intake vent and made for a smelly long trip. Wire manufacturers need to stop using soybean oil in their insulation. I was able to immediately evacuate them with peppermint oil spray; they hate it. A GM mechanic suggested Messina Squirrel Stopper and cayenne pepper. Spray wiring then sprinkle. It looks bad and future mechanics may need to hose it off. Problem solved on my last two vehicles.

W.N., Richfield, Minnesota: As for squirrels, I consider them to be rats with furry tails. I have good luck using moth balls to keep rabbits from under my wheelchair ramp. I think it will work for other mammals. An easy thing to try. Available at the dollar store.

J.H., Clermont, Florida: Just read the letter to you from R.H. about varmints chewing on engine components. The best answer is to get all the junk out of your two-car garage and store your car where it was meant to be stored. And close the door always except when entering or exiting. Simple answer, except for hoarders!

R.C., Fargo, North Dakota: This is the United States. We are allowed to have cats and guns. I caught tree rats nibbling on the wiring of my GTO. I shot them — every one I saw — for about three weeks. Sometimes I used a .22 rifle with a suppressor, sometimes I used a very high-powered SIG air gun. I allowed my cats out at night. They found their nests and I killed them all. Killing them is 100% effective. It took less than a month. None at my bird feeders, none under the cars. Haven't seen one since I started. And if you feel sorry for tree rodents, you probably love mice and rats too, yes? Squirrels are not endangered. They are urban vermin — cute, but vermin. Kill them and empty their nests. It's better that way. And I spent less than $30 in ammunition. Saved how much in repairs? And the marksmanship practice was excellent. No neighbor's homes were hit, no stray rounds. Hit what you aim for, and your wires will remain un-gnawed.

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UCONN

Alum looks to help build student-athletes' brands

Social media influencer announces creation of D'Amelio Huskies Collective

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

UConn alum and social media star Marc D'Amelio announced the creation of the D'Amelio Huskies Collective on social media Friday.

The collective is a unique name, image and likeness (NIL) opportunity for UConn athletes. At least one athlete from each men's and women's sport at UConn will get the chance to be a part of it.

Student-athletes will submit their information such as age, grade, sport, position and interests on the website. After a student-athlete is picked, D'Amelio would be a personal mentor to them in helping athletes create their own personal brand and advising them on brand deals.

D'Amelio has expertise in this area, with over 600,000 Twitter followers. He has also helped his daughters Charli and Dixie, who have a combined 190 million TikTok followers, in choosing the right brand deals.

"The first understanding is that social media and your personal brand is the utmost important thing for everyone," he told The Courant. "It's going to shape their future and help with their success throughout their career."

Based on their interests D'Amelio will match the student-athletes with companies with similar interests for brand deals. D'Amelio started his career in the sports-licensing business and is currently a partner with Mitchell & Ness.

Marc D'Amelio, left, pictured with daughters Dixie and Charlie and wife Heidi at a UConn basketball game, is starting a new NIL collective to benefit Huskies athletes. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

"I want to be involved in helping students create good content," he said. "I want to help students to sign good brand deals."

One of the biggest things D'Amelio wants to ensure is that kids don't get taken advantage of when signing brand deals.

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UConn graduate student Chris Keegan of West Hartford competes in the hammer throw during the Big East track and field championships at Storrs on Friday. Keegan, with a final-round throw of 194 feet, 3 inches, won his second conference title. **COURTESY OF BIG EAST CONFERENCE**

TRACK AND FIELD

Throwing it down

Former UConn track walk-on from West Hartford wins 2nd Big East hammer title

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

STORRS — When Chris Keegan was a freshman at Hall High School, he watched a volunteer assistant track coach pick up a discus and casually throw it.

"He dropped a bomb, a 150 or 160 [feet], a standing throw in running shoes, not even trying and I was like, 'I want to do that, that's awesome. That's the coolest thing I've ever seen,' " Keegan said. "From then on, I wanted to keep throwing."

Keegan, of West Hartford, kept throwing. He's now a graduate student in education at UConn and won his second Big East hammer throw title on his last throw (59.22 meters or 194 feet, 3 inches) Friday morning at the Big East track and field championships.

"Today was crazy — winning it on Round 6," he said. "I was in second the entire competition until the last throw, which was probably one of the most stressful throws of my life. My Round 5 was not a very good throw. I was like, 'OK, I know what I need to do, I need to put it together.' I was coming in ranked third in the conference and thinking, 'I'm in second right now. I'm not losing this at home.' "

After Friday's events, the

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SOCCER COMMENTARY

Former UConn coach getting back in the game

Reid unretires to join Hartford Athletic as technical director

Dom Amore

If you know Ray Reid, you know that soccer is in his blood, and retiring was the furthest thing from his heart.

But Reid, one of the most successful college coaches in Connecticut, announced his retirement last December after 25 years at UConn. Now he's returning to the beautiful game with the Hartford Athletic as technical director.

Reid, 62, will be the head of soccer operations, overseeing all aspects and answering only to owner Bruce Mandell.

"They do a great job on the business side," Reid said. "They get great crowds, do great promoting, marketing, they do a great job there. We've just got to get more resources to lift up the soccer side. I think we can do that."

The Athletic, who debuted as a USL franchise in July 2018, are averaging 4,640 fans per game in 2021. On the pitch, they have struggled, going 9-22-5 the first season, 11-3-2 in the pandemic-ravaged second season, 12-15-5 in 2021 and 1-1-6 so far in 2022.

It would be hard to imagine a better fit for this job. Reid is high energy and relentless in his passion for the game. Though he needs flexibility in his schedule to tend to family concerns, he also needed more soccer-related goals in his life.

"I miss the comradery of the locker room, the team," Reid said. "I want to be able to oversee it. I'm going to be responsible for the head coach, assistant coaches, strength, athletic training, analysts, the academy. Building the locker room, getting the players ready, building the culture we want to build."

Reid was captain of one championship team at Southern Connecticut and coached the Owls to two more Division II titles before moving to UConn in 1997, where he replaced Joe Morrone. During his time at Storrs, Reid won a Division I championship and took teams to the NCAA tournament 25 times before retiring with a career mark of 457-149-78.

In this new role, Reid won't have the headaches that go with college recruiting and fundraising, the transfer portal, the name-image-likeness issues, it's just about the soccer. And is there a better-known soccer figure in Connecticut?

"Ray Reid is a Connecticut soccer icon and we are thrilled to be adding him as our technical director," Mandell said. "He has a proven record of success both on and off the pitch and his experience will perfectly complement Coach [Harry] Watling and the rest of our technical staff as well as provide unique opportunities for our organization as a whole."

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WNBA

Sun face Sparks in home opener

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

The Connecticut Sun play their first home contest of the 2022 WNBA season on Saturday night, set to face the Los Angeles Sparks at Mohegan Sun Arena.

The game, which will be broadcast live on Facebook at 7 p.m. and later shown on NESN following the Red Sox-Rangers, kicks off the franchise's celebration of its 20th anniversary season.

Asjha Jones, who won two national championships at UConn in 2000 and 2002 and was a two-time WNBA All-Star with the Sun during her time with the franchise from 2004 to 2012, will be honored as part of the anniversary festivities following the game. Jones' jersey will be hung in the rafters and the ceremony will include remarks from UConn head coach Geno Auriemma, Sun team president and former Husky star Jennifer Rizzotti and former UConn assistant Marisa Moseley, along with Beth Regan and Kathy Regan-Pyne.

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UP NEXT
Sun vs. Sparks
at Mohegan Sun Arena,
7 p.m., Facebook Live

NBA

Strus key to Heat's run to East finals

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Max Strus probably couldn't have envisioned this.

Division II player when he started college. Ended up at DePaul and went undrafted. Bounced around a couple of summer leagues. Went to training camp with Boston and didn't make the team. Signed two-way contracts with three different franchises. Spent time in the G League. Played all of six minutes as a rookie in the NBA two seasons ago.

And now, he's a starter on a team going to the Eastern Conference finals.

For the ninth time overall, and for the sixth time in the last 12 seasons, the Miami Heat are in the NBA's Final Four. A 99-90 win in Philadelphia on Thursday night gave the Heat a 4-2 series win in an East semifinal series, sending the Heat into the conference final against Boston or Milwaukee.

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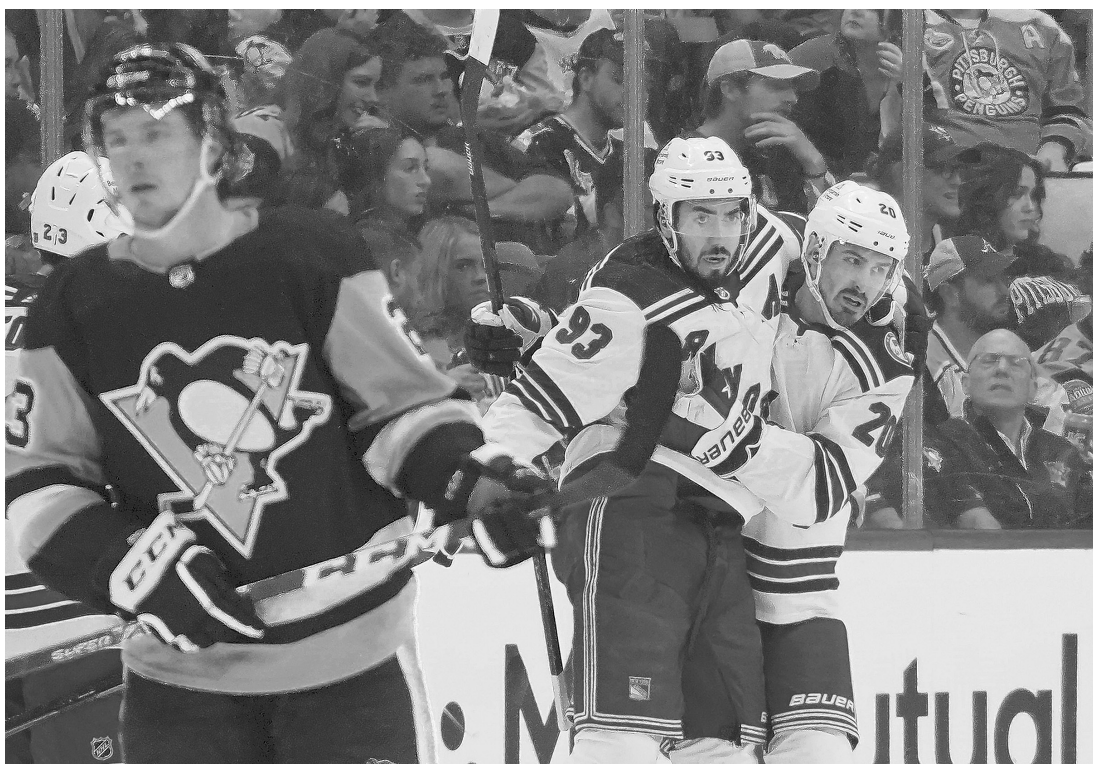
SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA Second Round vs. Bucks (Game 7, if necessary), Sunday, time TBD
Bruins: NHL First Round at Hurricanes (Game 7), Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
Rangers: NHL First Round vs. Penguins (Game 7, if necessary), Sunday, time TBD
Red Sox: at Rangers, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Rangers, Sunday, 2:30 p.m.; Astros, Monday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: at White Sox, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at White Sox, Sunday, 2 p.m.; at Orioles, Monday, 7 p.m.
Mets: Mariners, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Mariners, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Cardinals, Monday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: Portland, Saturday, 6 p.m.; Portland, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Bowie, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Sun: Sparks, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Liberty, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Fever, Friday, 7 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: N.Y. Red Bulls II, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Tulsa, May 21, 8:30 p.m.; Phoenix, May 28, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING
2 p.m.: ARCA Racing Series Kansas. (Live) FS1
3:30 p.m.: IndyCar Racing GMR Grand Prix. (Live) NBC
8 p.m.: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Race at Kansas. (Live) FS1
BASEBALL
1 p.m.: Louisville at Virginia Tech. (Live) ACC
4 p.m.: Pittsburgh at Notre Dame. (Live) ACC
4 p.m.: San Diego Padres at Atlanta Braves. (Live) FS1
7 p.m.: Miami at Florida State. (Live) ACC
7 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at Texas Rangers. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080.
7 p.m.: New York Yankees at Chicago White Sox. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9.
7 p.m.: Seattle Mariners at New York Mets. (Live), WPIX. Radio: 880.
BASKETBALL
3 p.m.: WNBA Phoenix Mercury at Seattle Storm. (Live) ABC
7 p.m.: Los Angeles Sparks at Connecticut Sun. (Live), Facebook, NESN+.
8 p.m.: WNBA Chicago Sky at Minnesota Lynx. (Live) NBA
BOXING
9 p.m.: Jermell Charlo vs. Brian Castaño II. (Live) SHO
FOOTBALL
3 p.m.: USFL Football New Orleans Breakers vs New Jersey Generals. (Live) FOX
1 a.m.: Greater Western Sydney Giants vs Carlton Blues. (Live) FS1
3 a.m.: West Coast Eagles vs Melbourne Demons. (Live) FSP
GOLF
7:30 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf Soudal Open, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
1 p.m.: AT&T Byron Nelson, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: AT&T Byron Nelson, Third Round. (Live) CBS
3 p.m.: 2022 Regions Tradition Third Round. (Live) GOLF
5 p.m.: Cognizant Founders Cup, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
6 a.m.: 2022 IIHF World Championship Sweden vs Austria. (Live) NHL
9 a.m.: 2022 IIHF World Championship Switzerland vs Italy. (Live) NHL
12 p.m.: Boston Bruins at Carolina Hurricanes. (Live) SPRTNET
1 p.m.: 2022 IIHF World Championship Latvia vs Finland. (Live) NHL
7 p.m.: Tampa Bay Lightning at Toronto Maple Leafs. (Live) SPRTNET
10 p.m.: Los Angeles Kings at Edmonton Oilers. (Live) SPRTNET
5 a.m.: 2022 IIHF World Championship Italy vs Canada. (Live) NHL
LACROSSE
12 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, First Round: Boston University at Princeton. (Live) ESPNU
2:30 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, First Round: Richmond at Pennsylvania. (Live) ESPNU
5 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, First Round: Saint Joseph's at Yale. (Live) ESPNU
7:30 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, First Round: Virginia at Brown. (Live) ESPNU
SOCCER
7:15 a.m.: Scottish Premier League Soccer Celtic vs Motherwell. (Live) CBSSN
9 a.m.: Bundesliga Soccer Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
10 a.m.: Italian Serie B Soccer (Live) FSP
7 p.m.: USL: N.Y. Red Bulls II at Hartford Athletic. (Live), ESPN+.
SOFTBALL
11 a.m.: American Conference Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2
1 p.m.: ACC Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2
3 p.m.: Big 12 Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2
TENNIS
6 a.m.: ATP/WTA Tennis Rome- ATP/WTA - Singles & Doubles Semifinals. (Live) TENNIS
TRACK AND FIELD
6 p.m.: SEC Outdoor Championships. (Live) SEC



Rangers' Mika Zibanejad celebrates with Chris Kreider after scoring for the second time against the Pittsburgh Penguins during the second period in Game 6 on Friday in Pittsburgh, Friday. **GENE J. PUSKAR/ AP**

RANGERS 5, PENGUINS 3

Kreider scores late, Rangers edge Pens to force Game 7

By Will Graves
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Chris Kreider's long slap shot bounced over Louis Domingue and into the net with 1:28 left and the New York Rangers beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 5-3 on Friday night to push their thrilling first-round series to a deciding Game 7.

Kreider's second of the game and fourth of the playoffs sent the series back to New York. Andrew Copp added an empty netter for good measure in the waning seconds. Game 7 is Sunday at Madison Square Garden.

Mike Zibanejad had two goals and two assists and Adam Fox had four assists. Igor Shesterkin stopped 31 shots to win at PPG Paints Arena for the first time this series after getting chased by Pittsburgh in Games 3 and 4.

Bryan Rust, Evgeni Malkin and Jeff Carter scored for Pittsburgh. Domingue, who has become a local folk hero while filling in for injured Tristan Jarry and Casey DeSmith, made 33 saves but couldn't get a handle on Kreider's shot, which seemed to hit him high then popped up into the air and behind him before rolling into the net.

Pittsburgh played without captain Sidney Crosby, who sat out while dealing with an upper-body injury. His status going forward is uncertain.

For most of the early going in Game 6, it seemed the Penguins would find a way to advance without him.

The Penguins throttled Shesterkin in Games 3 and 4, ending his night early in relatively easy wins. The chants of "IIIII-IGOOORRRRR" started before the opening puck dropped, and the roars only grew more incessant after Pittsburgh scored twice in the first period to take a quick lead.

Carter used his 6-foot-3 frame to stretch for a backhand tap in front of the net that slipped by Shesterkin 14:12 into the first, the 18-year veteran's eight goals in 12 career playoff games since joining Pittsburgh at the 2021 trade deadline.

Rust, as close to a "closer" as there is for the Penguins then made it 2-0 just over 90 seconds later when he blasted home a one-timer off a cross-ice feed from Jake Guentzel. The score marked the 11th goal for Rust in a clinching or elimination game since making his postseason debut in 2016.

Pittsburgh, however, has struggled at times to maintain momentum after building a multiple-goal advantage. A three-goal lead disappeared in Game 3, though the Penguins recovered to win going away. A two-goal lead vanished in New York in Game 5.

It was much of the same in Game 6. This time, it was Zibanejad who led the charge. He scored twice in a span of 76 seconds to tie things up. The first came just 5 seconds after Pittsburgh's Evan Rodrigues was called for roughing New York's Ryan Lindgren after taking exception to a hit along the boards. Zibanejad blasted home a one-timer from the right circle to give New York a much-needed jolt.

Zibanejad then pulled the Rangers even 1:16 later with another laser, this one from just above the right circle. Kreider gave the Rangers the lead 13:48 into the second by jamming home a rebound off a shot by Zibanejad, with Shesterkin also getting an assist on the play.

Just as they did in Game 5, the Penguins responded as Malkin extended his stick to intercept a pass at the Pittsburgh blue line. The Russian star then beat New York defenseman K'Andre Miller to the puck before flicking a wrist shot by Shesterkin for his 68th career playoff goal.

This one set up another taut finish in a series that began with a triple-overtime classic in Game 1 and is now set up for a memorable deciding game back at the Garden.

RED SOX NOTES

Texas road trip a homecoming for Story

By Julian Mcwilliams
Boston Globe

ARLINGTON, Texas — There's no place like home for Trevor Story, but with the Red Sox is where he's supposed to be.

Story grew up in Irving, just outside of Dallas. His family still lives in the area. His wife, Mallie, along with their newborn son are here, too. Story, for the first time this season, got to be in the comfort of his own home despite playing for the Red Sox.

"It's always special for me," Story said Friday before the start of the three-game set with the Rangers. "Especially with my son now. I get to be at home with him and be in our house and my wife and just see the family and everybody that we grew up with. So those are always good things and we certainly enjoy that time. Home is home."

There was a possibility that Story could have signed with his hometown Rangers when he was a free agent last offseason, but despite the ties to the area, Story ultimately wanted to be with the Red Sox.

"I think just kind of given the landscape of, you know, being here, and growing up here, everyone kind of thought it was a possibility," Story said. "But things worked out how they did and I believe that's for a reason. And yeah, I'm happy where I'm at."

Hill returns, will start Saturday: Rich Hill said he will start Saturday evening's game against the Rangers, his first since was placed on the COVID-19 injured list on May 6. He was symptomatic but said he's now recovered.

"I had a good bullpen a couple days ago," Hill said. "I just threw some off the mound today. I felt good, so I'll be ready to go [Saturday]."

Hill's last start came May 5 against the Angels. The lefthander went five strong innings without allowing a run and striking out six.

Hill was cleared a couple of days ago, he said, and was able to do some form of workouts.

"I was able to do a total body [workout] and get in there and do some shoulder exercises," Hill said. "All that stuff kind of checked out."

Bullpen game looms: The Sox haven't made anything official yet, but Sunday will most likely be a bullpen game. Tanner Houck will be available out of the bullpen Friday too. Garrett Whitlock will be pushed back a day and will start Monday at Fenway Park against the Astros.

YANKEES NOTES

Hicks batting 9th is like 'double leadoff'

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

CHICAGO — Over his last 10 games Aaron Hicks has struggled something fierce, and for Friday night's game against the White Sox he found himself dropped to the No. 9 spot in the lineup.

He had not been at the bottom of the batting order since 2017.

Yankees manager Aaron Boone said it wasn't punishment or taking the pressure off the struggling outfielder. Instead, he sees Hicks' on-base percentage as something the team can take advantage of while he finds his power. Hicks is among the best in the league at drawing walks with an 18% walk rate.

"The one thing Aaron's doing really well right now is still getting on base," Boone said before Friday's game. "To have that on-base presence on the nine hole is something I value and can serve as a double leadoff hitter."

Hello again: After just one start in the minors, Clarke Schmidt was back with the Yankees on Friday. The right-hander took the spot left after the Yankees optioned spot starter Luis Gil to Triple A.

Schmidt began the season with the Yankees, made four appearances and pitched to a 1.08 ERA with eight strikeouts over 8 ⅓ innings pitched. He was sent to Triple A on May 1 when the rosters were cut from 28 to 26. The plan at the time was to stretch him out as a starter.

He went 2 ⅓ innings, allowing two earned runs on three hits. He walked two and struck out three in his only start.

"It's a little bit of an environmental change, but yeah, it was good to get my pitch count up," Schmidt said. "That was my main goal going down there. ... I did like close to 50 (pitches) in my last start, so I would assume I'm available for around 70 or 80, whenever needed. So yeah, it's very good to get that in."

Gil gave the Yankees four innings Thursday night, but the Bombers had to send him back to replenish their bullpen with Schmidt.

Rortvedt update: Ben Rortvedt, the catcher the Yankees acquired from the Twins, has been shut down with a knee issue. Boone said they are trying to figure out what exactly it is.

"We're kind of trying to get our heads wrapped around that," Boone said. "He just caught the other day and then the knee was kind of catching on him a little bit. So we've got to see."

Boone said he expects tests to be done soon.

BRUINS

Bergeron no stranger to Game 7

By Steve Conroy
Boston Herald

BOSTON — Patrice Bergeron has not played a full season's worth of Game 7s in his 18-year career with the Bruins. It only seems that way.

Going into Saturday's Game 7 against the Carolina Hurricanes, Bergeron has played in 12 previous ones, going 6-6 thus far. He has experienced the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. He scored two goals in the Bruins' 2011 Stanley Cup-winning Game 7 in Vancouver (the last of three Game 7 wins in that magical run) and his overtime goal against Toronto in 2013 — eliciting former radio play-by-play man Dave Goucher's call of "Bergeron! Bergeron! Bergeron!" — is arguably second only to Bobby Orr's Cup-clinching flying goal in 1970 in Bruins mythology.

Bergeron also was on the losing end of the B's soul-crushing collapse against the Flyers in 2010, when they had a 3-0 series lead and a 3-0 lead in Game 7. He's suffered overtime losses at home to Carolina (2009) and Washington (2012). And, of course, there was the most recent Game 7, the Garden loss to St. Louis in 2019 in the Finals.

So he's seen a thing or two, Bergeron has. And the thing he has learned the most about these do-or-die games — the ones that have the normal folks at home gnawing on throw pillows with their hearts beating out of their chests with the anxiety they can induce — is just embrace it

"You've got to enjoy it. That's why you play the game," said Bergeron on Friday before the B's chartered to Raleigh, N.C. "That's the biggest thing about it. Make sure you relish the moment and make the most of it. Obviously the adrenaline and energy is always increased. But that said, it's still the game of hockey."

Bergeron's first Game 7 was in his rookie season in 2004, when the B's had a 3-1 series lead only to lose to Montreal 2-0 at home in the last game. It was then that Bergeron began storing his wisdom for moments like this.

"When you're younger, you think you're going to have many cracks at it. And that's something that even (former B's coach and current Penguins coach) Mike Sullivan, back in the day, told me. 'It goes fast,' " said Bergeron.

METS

McCann breaks bone in wrist, may miss 6 weeks

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Not much has gone wrong for the Mets to start the 2022 campaign.

But the first-place Mets suffered a blow on Friday when it was announced that catcher James McCann suffered a broken bone in his left wrist and will need surgery.

The Mets projected his recovery time at approximately six weeks and he was placed on the 10-day IL. Patrick Mazeika — who became a cult favorite for Mets fans after his 10th inning heroics in the May 7, 2021 win against the Arizona Diamondbacks — was recalled from the Syracuse Mets.

The severity of McCann's injury was somewhat of a surprise considering on Thursday, the catcher and manager Buck Showalter expected him to be back in the lineup for Friday's series opener against the Seattle Mariners.

McCann was left out of the lineup the last two games of the Mets' series against the Nationals in Washington with what the team said was general wrist soreness. He did come off the bench in Thursday's win, and was confident enough with how his wrist felt to say that he "definitely could've played" on Wednesday.

But on Friday, after not showing significant enough improvement, Showalter said McCann was sent out for x-rays "to be on the safe side," which revealed the hamate fracture.

Kelenic sent down: Jarred Kelenic, who was once the Mets top prospect after they drafted him No. 6 overall in 2018, was sent back down to the minors on Thursday.

Kelenic, whom the Mets traded to the Mariners in December 2018, has had a rocky big league career.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	23	8	.742	—	—	8-2	W-4	14-4	9-4
Tampa Bay	19	13	.594	4 ½	—	7-3	W-1	9-7	10-6
Toronto	17	15	.531	6 ½	—	3-7	L-4	10-6	7-9
Baltimore	14	18	.438	9 ½	3	6-4	W-1	9-7	5-11
Boston	11	20	.355	12	5 ½	2-8	L-1	4-9	7-11
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Minnesota	18	14	.563	—	—	5-5	L-3	11-7	7-7
Chicago	15	15	.500	2	1	7-3	L-1	8-8	7-7
Cleveland	15	15	.500	2	1	7-3	L-1	7-5	8-10
Kansas City	10	19	.345	6 ½	5 ½	3-7	L-1	6-9	4-10
Detroit	9	23	.281	9	8	1-9	L-3	5-13	4-10
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Houston	21	11	.656	—	—	10-0	W-10	9-4	12-7
Los Angeles	21	12	.636	½	—	6-4	L-1	12-7	9-5
Seattle	14	18	.438	7	3	2-8	L-1	9-7	5-11
Texas	13	17	.433	7	3	7-3	W-1	6-10	7-7
Oakland	14	19	.424	7 ½	3 ½	4-6	W-3	4-10	10-9

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	22	11	.667	—	—	6-4	W-1	9-5	13-6
Atlanta	15	17	.469	6 ½	2 ½	5-5	W-1	9-9	6-8
Philadelphia	15	17	.469	6 ½	2 ½	4-6	W-2	9-9	6-8
Miami	14	18	.438	7½	3½	2-8	L-1	6-8	8-10
Washington	11	22	.333	11	7	4-6	L-1	4-13	7-9
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Milwaukee	21	12	.636	—	—	6-4	W-1	10-4	11-8
St. Louis	17	14	.548	3	—	5-5	L-1	8-7	9-7
Pittsburgh	13	18	.419	7	4	4-6	L-1	7-9	6-9
Chicago	11	19	.367	8½	5 ½	3-7	W-1	4-11	7-8
Cincinnati	8	24	.250	12½	9 ½	5-5	W-2	5-9	3-15
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Los Angeles	20	10	.667	—	—	7-3	L-2	10-3	10-7
San Diego	20	12	.625	1	—	6-4	L-1	10-7	10-5
San Francisco	19	12	.613	1 ½	—	5-5	W-5	11-7	8-5
Arizona	17	15	.531	4	½	7-3	L-1	9-9	8-6
Colorado	16	15	.516	4 ½	1	4-6	L-4	11-5	5-10

BOX SCORES

TIME OF GAME, ROSTER AGE

2022 SEASON	BAGE	PAGE	TM
New York Mets	30.2	30.9	3:14
Philadelphia Phillies	28.9	29.1	3:13
Boston Red Sox	28.9	31.0	3:11
Chicago White Sox	29.4	28.7	3:11
Cincinnati Reds	30.0	27.0	3:11
New York Yankees	30.7	29.4	3:11
Washington Nationals	29.6	28.8	3:11
Milwaukee Brewers	29.7	28.2	3:10
Baltimore Orioles	28.0	28.0	3:09
Miami Marlins	29.5	27.8	3:09
Houston Astros	29.6	29.8	3:08
Pittsburgh Pirates	27.6	28.1	3:08
San Diego Padres	28.4	30.4	3:08
Seattle Mariners	26.8	27.7	3:08
Atlanta Braves	28.7	29.9	3:07
Arizona Diamondbacks	27.3	30.4	3:06
San Francisco Giants	30.1	29.3	3:06
Texas Rangers	29.3	29.1	3:06
Colorado Rockies	29.6	29.6	3:05
Los Angeles Angels	28.5	27.9	3:05
St. Louis Cardinals	29.5	30.0	3:05
Toronto Blue Jays	27.0	29.8	3:05
Chicago Cubs	28.7	30.6	3:04
Cleveland Guardians	26.1	26.6	3:04
Kansas City Royals	28.8	27.7	3:02
Minnesota Twins	27.1	29.2	3:02
Los Angeles Dodgers	29.7	28.8	3:01
Oakland Athletics	28.7	28.1	3:00
Detroit Tigers	28.9	27.8	2:59
Tampa Bay Rays	27.1	29.0	2:59

2022 SEASON	BAGE	PAGE	TM
Houston Astros	28.9	28.7	3:19
Los Angeles Dodgers	29.2	28.8	3:18
San Diego Padres	28.0	29.6	3:18
Boston Red Sox	28.0	29.7	3:17
Philadelphia Phillies	29.1	28.8	3:17
Chicago Cubs	29.1	29.4	3:16
Milwaukee Brewers	28.7	28.1	3:16
New York Yankees	29.3	29.3	3:16
Arizona Diamondbacks	28.9	28.5	3:15
Cincinnati Reds	28.9	28.9	3:14
Washington Nationals	28.6	30.1	3:13
Colorado Rockies	28.1	28.3	3:12
Los Angeles Angels	29.1	28.6	3:12
Seattle Mariners	27.0	28.0	3:12
San Francisco Giants	30.6	29.7	3:12
Miami Marlins	28.2	27.3	3:11
Pittsburgh Pirates	27.5	27.4	3:11
Minnesota Twins	28.3	29.8	3:10
St. Louis Cardinals	28.5	30.1	3:10
Chicago White Sox	28.1	28.3	3:09
New York Mets	28.2	29.5	3:09
Atlanta Braves	28.2	29.5	3:08
Kansas City Royals	29.3	27.9	3:08
Oakland Athletics	30.1	30.1	3:08
Tampa Bay Rays	27.7	28.8	3:07
Baltimore Orioles	26.7	28.1	3:06
Detroit Tigers	28.1	27.3	3:06
Texas Rangers	26.8	27.8	3:05
Cleveland Indians	26.7	26.3	3:04
Toronto Blue Jays	26.8	29.1	3:04

BAGE-average batter agae; PAGE-average pitcher age; TM-time of game

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LATE THURSDAY: CINCINNATI 4, PITTSBURGH 0

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Friedl cf	5	0	0	0	0	.196
Drury 3b	5	0	0	0	1	.253
Pham lf	4	1	1	0	1	.245
Moustakas dh	4	1	1	0	1	.253
Stephenson c	4	2	3	2	1	.349
Moran 1b	4	0	1	1	1	.217
Naquin rf	4	0	2	1	1	.242
Farmer ss	3	0	0	0	2	.191
M.Reynolds 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.310
TOTALS	**36**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**9**	
Pittsburgh	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Gamel lf	4	0	2	0	0	.299
Hayes 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.320
B.Reynolds cf	3	0	0	0	1	.222
Vogelbach dh	4	0	0	0	0	.247
Tsutsugo 1b	2	0	0	0	0	.188
Suwinski rf	2	0	0	0	0	.227
VanMeter 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.173
Perez c	3	0	1	0	0	.231
Castro ss	3	0	0	0	1	.000
TOTALS	**27**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**2**	

Cincinnati	**010**	**100**	**020**	**—**	**4**	**9**	**0**
Pittsburgh	**000**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**0**	**4**	**0**

LOB: Cincinnati 8, Pittsburgh 4.
2B: Moustakas (5), Naquin (8).
HR: Stephenson (4), off Brubaker.
RBIs: Stephenson 2(19), Moran (21), Naquin (19).
SB: Naquin (2), Friedl (2). **CS:** Gamel (1).
Runners left in scoring position: Cincinnati 6(Drury 2, Moustakas, M.Reynolds 3); Pittsburgh 3(Tsutsugo 2, Castro).
RISP: Cincinnati 3for 9; Pittsburgh 0for 3. **Runners moved up:** Vogelbach.
GIDP: B.Reynolds, Vogelbach.
DP: Cincinnati 2(Moran, Farmer; Farmer, Drury, Moran).

CINCINNATI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Overton, W, 1-0	6⅓	3	0	0	4	1	1.59
Cessa, H, 2	1⅔	0	0	0	0	0	3.68
Warren	1	1	0	0	0	1	6.55
PITTSBURGH	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Brubaker, L, 0-3	5	4	2	2	2	3	5.34
Alldred	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Hembree	1	0	0	0	1	1	5.73
Underwood Jr.	2	4	2	2	0	4	13.50

Pitches-Strikes: Overton 91-50; Cessa 22-12; Warren 11-8; Brubaker 77-44; Alldred 16-12; Hembree 14-9; Underwood Jr. 45-32.
Batters Faced: Overton 23; Cessa 5; Warren 3; Brubaker 8-5; Alldred 2-0; Hembree 1-0; Underwood Jr. 1-2.
Inherited runners-scored: Cessa 1-0, Hembree 1-0.

Umpires: Home, Shane Livensparger; First, Ramon De Jesus; Second, Lance Barrett; Third, Alfonso Marquez.

T: 2:52.
A: 9,470(38,747).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS
Through Thursday

BATTER	G	AB	R	H	BA
Bogaerts Bos	30	116	18	40	.345
Trout LAA	28	95	25	32	.337
O.Miller Cle	24	81	20	27	.333
J.Crawford Sea	30	105	14	35	.333
Anderson ChW	26	105	16	35	.333
France Sea	32	126	14	41	.325
Benintendi KC	29	105	9	33	.314
Devers Bos	31	128	19	40	.313
Franco TB	30	125	20	38	.304
J.Martinez Bos	24	94	10	28	.298

RUNS: Trout, Los Angeles, 25; Judge, New York, 24; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 24; Straw, Cleveland, 22.
RBI: Ramirez, Cleveland, 30; Stanton, New York, 28; Judge, New York, 26; France, Seattle, 24; Rizzo, New York, 23; Walsh, Los Angeles, 23; Naylor, Cleveland, 22; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 21; Margot, Tampa Bay, 20; Pena, Houston, 20; Bregman, Houston, 20.
HITS: France, Seattle, 41; Bogaerts, Boston, 40; Devers, Boston, 40; Franco, Tampa Bay, 38; Anderson, Chicago, 35; J.Crawford, Seattle, 35; Bichette, Toronto, 34; Hays, Baltimore, 34; Judge, New York, 34; Mullins, Baltimore, 34.
DOUBLES: Espinal, Toronto, 12; Gurriel, Houston, 11; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 10; Devers, Boston, 10; J.Martinez, Boston, 10; O.Miller, Cleveland, 10; S.Murphy, Oakland, 10; Franco, Tampa Bay, 9; Hays, Baltimore, 9; Larnach, Minnesota, 9; LeMahieu, New York, 9.
TRIPLES: Dozier, Kansas City, 2; A.Garcia, Texas, 2; Gimenez, Cleveland, 2; J.Lowe, Tampa Bay, 2; Meadows, Detroit, 2; Neuse, Oakland, 2; Ramirez, Cleveland, 2.
HOME RUNS: Judge, New York, 11; Alvarez, Houston, 10; Buxton, Minnesota, 9; Trout, Los Angeles, 9; Rizzo, New York, 9; Stanton, New York, 9; Ward, Los Angeles, 7; Ramirez, Cleveland, 7; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 7; Springer, Toronto, 7; Seager, Texas, 7.
STOLEN BASES: J.Rodriguez, Seattle, 10; Mateo, Baltimore, 9; Tucker, Houston, 8; Straw, Cleveland, 7; Robert, Chicago, 6.
PITCHING: Manoah, Toronto, 4-0; Blackburn, Oakland, 4-0; Holmes, New York, 4-0; R.Lopez, Chicago, 4-0; Verlander, Houston, 4-1; Gilbert, Seattle, 4-1; Cimber, Toronto, 4-2; Wacha, Boston, 3-0; Burke, Texas, 3-0; Feyereisen, Tampa Bay, 3-0; Stashak, Minnesota, 3-0; J.Barnes, Detroit, 3-0.
ERA: Kopech, Chicago, 0.93; Cortes Jr., New York, 1.41; Verlander, Houston, 1.55; Manoah, Toronto, 1.75; M.Perez, Texas, 2.10; Gausman, Toronto, 2.13; Gilbert, Seattle, 2.13.
STRIKEOUTS: Cease, Chicago, 58; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 58; Gausman, Toronto, 46; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 46; Cortes Jr., New York, 42; Eovaldi, Boston, 42; Gilbert, Seattle, 42; Montas, Oakland, 41; Ray, Seattle, 41; Cole, New York, 37; Garcia, Houston, 37; Giolito, Chicago, 37.

LATE THURSDAY: TEXAS 3, KANSAS CITY 1

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Merrifield rf	5	1	1	0	1	.162
Benintendi lf	3	0	1	0	1	.314
Perez dh	4	0	1	1	0	.200
1-Isbel-dh	0	0	0	0	0	.192
Dozier 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.240
Witt Jr. ss	4	0	0	0	3	.211
Rivera 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.222
b-O'Hearn	1	0	1	0	0	.125
Taylor cf	4	0	1	0	2	.207
Lopez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.202
Rivero c	1	0	0	0	0	.000
a-Melendez c	1	0	0	0	0	.294
TOTALS	**32**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**9**	
Texas	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Miller 3b	3	2	2	1	0	.236
Heim c	4	0	0	0	0	.327
Seager ss	3	0	0	0	0	.237
Garcia cf	4	1	1	0	1	.202
Calhoun rf	3	0	1	1	2	.177
Solak dh	4	0	1	0	0	.228
Lowe 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.243
White lf	3	0	1	0	2	.281
Ibanez 2b	2	0	0	0	0	.211
TOTALS	**30**	**3**	**6**	**2**	**6**	

Kansas City	**000**	**000**	**010**	**—**	**1**	**5**	**0**
Texas	**100**	**000**	**11x**	**—**	**3**	**6**	**0**

a-grounded out for Rivero in the 8th.
-singled for Rivera in the 9th. 1-ran for Perez in the 8th.
LOB: Kansas City 9, Texas 8.
3B: Garcia (2). **HR:** Miller (5), off Clarke.
RBIs: Perez (11), Calhoun (5), Miller (17). **SB:** White (5), Dozier (1).
Runners left in scoring position: Kansas City 4(Witt Jr., Lopez, Rivera, Merrifield); Texas 4(Solak, Heim 3).
RISP: Kansas City 1for 6; Texas 1for 7.
Runners moved up: Heim.

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Heasley, L, 0-1	3⅓	4	1	1	4	1	2.70
Garrett	1⅔	0	0	0	0	2	2.70
Snider	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.05
Clarke	1	1	1	1	0	0	1.38
Staumont	1	1	1	1	1	1	4.50
TEXAS	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Hearn, W, 2-2	5	1	0	0	3	5	5.26
Burke, H, 1	2	0	0	0	1	1	1.45
King, H, 3	⅔	3	1	1	0	1	3.21
Bush, H, 4	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	3.65
J.Barlow, S, 6-6	1	1	0	0	1	1	1.59

Pitches-Strikes: Heasley 80-49; Garrett 17-11; Snider 15-9; Clarke 9-5; Staumont 14-8; Hearn 64-41; Burke 30-15; King 11-7; Bush 4-3; Barlow 19-13.
Batters Faced: Heasley 18; Garrett 5; Snider 3; Clarke 4; Staumont 5; Hearn 19; Burke 7; King 5; Bush 1; Barlow 5
Inherited runners-scored: Garrett 3-0, Bush 2-0. **WP:** Staumont.
Umpires: Home, Jim Reynolds; First, Charlie Ramos; Second, Mike Muchlinski; Third, John Libka.
T: 2:52.
A: 14,994(40,300).

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS
Through Thursday

BATTER	G	AB	R	H	BA
M.Machado SD	32	120	27	46	.383
Hosmer SD	30	109	13	40	.367
Bell Was	32	113	22	39	.345
McNeil NYM	31	106	15	34	.321
Hayes Pit	29	103	13	33	.320
Iglesias Col	26	91	11	29	.319
Arenado StL	30	114	14	36	.316
Freeman LAD	30	113	20	35	.310
Bohm Phi	30	94	16	29	.309
Wills.Contreras ChC	25	92	19	28	.304

RUNS: M.Machado, San Diego, 27; Betts, Los Angeles, 26; Harper, Philadelphia, 24; Soto, Washington, 230.
RBI: Alonso, New York, 28; Tellez, Milwaukee, 27; Arenado, St. Louis, 26; Chisholm Jr., Miami, 24; Cron, Colorado, 24; Adames, Milwaukee, 23; M.Machado, San Diego, 22; Moran, Cincinnati, 21; Hosmer, San Diego, 21; Bell, Washington, 21; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 21.
HITS: M.Machado, San Diego, 46; Hosmer, San Diego, 40; Bell, Washington, 39; C.Hernandez, Washington, 39; Arenado, St. Louis, 36; Alonso, New York, 35; Cron, Colorado, 35; Freeman, Los Angeles, 34; Joe, Colorado, 34; McNeil, New York, 34.
DOUBLES: Olson, Atlanta, 14; Arenado, St. Louis, 11; Freeman, Los Angeles, 10; Harper, Philadelphia, 10; K.Marte, Arizona, 10; E.Escobar, New York, 9; Franco, Washington, 9; Tellez, Milwaukee, 9; 12 tied at 8.
TRIPLES: Chisholm Jr., Miami, 3; Chavis, Pittsburgh, 2; Cronenworth, San Diego, 2; Edman, St. Louis, 2; Grisham, San Diego, 2; Joe, Colorado, 2; J.Sanchez, Miami, 2; Wong, Milwaukee, 2; 17 tied at 1.
HOME RUNS: Cron, Colorado, 9; Renfroe, Milwaukee, 8; Adames, Milwaukee, 8; Soto, Washington, 8; Alonso, New York, 8; Tellez, Milwaukee, 7; Schwarber, Philadelphia, 7; Arenado, St. Louis, 7; Riley, Atlanta, 7; M.Machado, San Diego, 7.
STOLEN BASES: Bader, St. Louis, 7; Edman, St. Louis, 7; Chisholm Jr., Miami, 6; Harper, Philadelphia, 6; M.Machado, San Diego, 6; Wong, Milwaukee, 6; Acuna Jr., Atlanta, 5; Estrada, San Francisco, 5; J.Peterson, Milwaukee, 5; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 5.
PITCHING: Musgrove, San Diego, 4-0; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 4-0; Scherzer, New York, 4-1; Buehler, Los Angeles, 4-1; P.Lopez, Miami, 4-1; Webb, San Francisco, 4-1; Rodon, San Francisco, 4-1; Fried, Atlanta, 4-2; Bassitt, New York, 4-2; Megill, New York, 4-2; Gray, Washington, 4-2.
ERA: P.Lopez, Miami, 1.00; Mikolas, St. Louis, 1.49; M.Kelly, Arizona, 1.71; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 1.80; Rodon, San Francisco, 1.80; Burnes, Milwaukee, 1.86; Buehler, Los Angeles, 1.96
STRIKEOUTS: Rodon, San Francisco, 53; Burnes, Milwaukee, 50; Scherzer, New York, 49; Aa.Nola, Philadelphia, 47; Lauer, Milwaukee, 42; Luzardo, Miami, 41; Musgrove, San Diego, 41; Wright, Atlanta, 41; Bassitt, New York,

LATE THUR: N.Y. YANKEES 15, CHICAGO WHITE SOX 7

New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 2b-3b	5	2	3	1	1	.295
Judge rf	4	3	2	4	2	.296
Kiner-Falefa ss	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Rizzo 1b	5	2	1	1	2	.232
Stanton dh	4	3	3	6	0	.277
Donaldson 3b	5	1	2	3	2	.224
Trevino c	0	0	0	0	0	.175
Hicks cf	5	0	0	0	1	.215
Gallo lf	4	1	1	0	3	.190
Gonzalez ss-rf	4	1	0	0	2	.208
Higashioka c	3	1	2	0	1	.170
a-Torres ph-2b	1	1	1	0	0	.231
TOTALS	**40**	**15**	**15**	**15**	**14**	
Chicago	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Anderson ss	4	1	0	0	2	.333
Moncada 3b	5	1	1	3	1	.231
Abreu 1b	5	0	0	0	2	.207
Robert cf	5	1	1	0	1	.278
Grandal c	3	1	0	0	0	.163
Sheets dh	3	0	1	0	1	.218
Pollock lf	3	2	2	1	0	.210
Engel rf	4	0	1	0	1	.219
Garcia 2b	4	1	2	2	0	.203
TOTALS	**36**	**7**	**8**	**6**	**8**	

New York	**203**	**100**	**171**	**—**	**15**	**15**	**2**
Chicago	**030**	**100**	**300**	**—**	**7**	**8**	**0**

a-walked for Higashioka in the 8th.
E: Rizzo (2), Luetge (1). **LOB:** New York 6, Chicago 6. **2B:** LeMahieu 2(9), Pollock (3), Sheets (3). 3B: Rizzo (1).
HR: Stanton 2 (9), off Cease; Judge (11), off Burr; Donaldson (3), off Banks; Moncada (1), off Loaisiga.
RBIs: Stanton 6(28), Rizzo (23), LeMahieu (9), Judge 4(26), Donaldson 3 (10), Pollock (8), Garcia 2(8), Moncada 3(3). SF: Judge.
Runners left in scoring position: New York 3(Gallo, Rizzo, Judge); Chicago 3 (Anderson 3). **RISP:** New York 6for 12; Chicago 4for 11. **GIDP:** LeMahieu. **DP:** Chicago 1(Garcia, Anderson, Abreu).

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gil	4	5	4	4	2	5	9.00
Castro	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.46
Luetge, H, 3	1	1	1	1	0	1	4.66
Loaisiga, W, 1-1	1	1	2	2	1	0	5.93
Green	2	1	0	0	1	2	3.38
CHICAGO	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Cease	4	6	6	6	2	11	3.55
Ruiz	1	1	0	0	1	1	2.25
Burr	2	2	1	1	0	0	6.00
Kelly, L, 0-1	⅔	1	5	5	4	1	27.00
Banks	1⅓	5	3	3	0	1	3.38

Inherited runners-scored: Loaisiga 1-1, Banks 3-3. **WP:** Gil. PB: Grandal (3).
Umpires: Home, Chris Guccione; First, Mark Carlson; Second, Jordan Baker; Third, Adam Beck. T: 3:56. **A:** 20,050 (40,615).

LATE TUESDAY: HOUSTON 5, MINNESOTA 0

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	5	0	0	0	1	.250
Pena ss	3	1	3	0	0	.276
Diaz ss	2	0	0	0	1	.203
Bregman 3b	5	0	0	0	0	.245
Alvarez dh	5	2	3	3	0	.271
Tucker rf	3	1	1	0	1	.255
McCormick lf	4	0	1	1	1	.239
Goodrum 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.128
Castro c	2	1	0	0	2	.065
Siri cf	3	0	1	0	1	.207
TOTALS	**35**	**5**	**9**	**4**	**9**	
Minnesota	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Buxton dh	4	0	0	0	1	.256
Arraez 1b	3	0	2	0	1	.316
Polanco 2b	4	0	1	0	2	.248
Kepler rf	3	0	0	0	0	.230
Miranda 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.128
Kirilloff lf	3	0	1	0	2	.172
a-Celestino lf	1	0	0	0	1	.341
Jeffers c	4	0	0	0	2	.192
Gordon cf	4	0	2	0	1	.250
Lewis ss	4	0	1	0	1	.286
TOTALS	**34**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**13**	

Houston	**012**	**100**	**001**	**—**	**5**	**9**	**0**
Minnesota	**000**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**0**	**7**	**1**

a-struck out for Kirilloff in the 8th. **E:** Thielbar (1). **LOB:** Houston 9, Minnesota 9. **2B:** Tucker (6), Pena (5), Alvarez (3), Polanco (8), Arraez (3).
HR: Alvarez (9), off Winder; Alvarez (10), off Sands.
RBIs: McCormick (7), Alvarez 3(19).
SB: Goodrum (1), Tucker (8).
Runners left in scoring position: Houston 5(Altuve, Goodrum 2, Alvarez 2); Minnesota 5(Polanco, Miranda 2, Kepler, Buxton).
RISP: Houston 3for 13; Minnesota 0for 7. **Runners moved up:** Siri, Kepler.
GIDP: Altuve. **DP:** Minnesota 1(Polanco, Lewis, Arraez).

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Garcia, W, 3-1	5	5	0	0	2	9	2.94
Martinez	1⅔	1	0	0	0	3	0.00
Taylor	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	0.84
Montero	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.68
MINNESOTA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Winder, L, 2-1	3⅓	6	4	3	3	2	2.45
Thielbar	1⅔	1	0	0	1	1	7.50
Duffey	2	1	0	0	2	2	3.29
Sands	2	1	1	1	0	4	6.75

Pitches-Strikes: Garcia 95-60; Martinez 25-18; Taylor 13-10; Montero 10-8; Winder 77-45; Thielbar 23-15; Duffey 33-19; Sands 27-19.
Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Garcia 5-3; Martinez 0-1; Taylor 1-2; Montero 1-1; Winder 3-4; Thielbar 2-2; Duffey 2-0; Sands 0-1.
Batters Faced: Garcia 22; Martinez 6; Taylor 5; Montero 3; Winder 19; Thielbar 7; Duffey 8; Sands 7.
Inherited runners-scored: Taylor 1-0, Thielbar 2-1.
Umpires: Home, Dan Merzel; First, Andy Fletcher; Second, Bill Welke; Third, Alex Tosi.
T: 3:20. **A:** 16,918(38,544).

LATE THURSDAY: PHILADELPHIA 9, L.A. DODGERS 7

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hoskins 1b	5	1	1	0	1	.221
Bohm 3b	4	1	1	0	0	.309
Harper dh	4	1	2	3	1	.276
Castellanos rf	5	0	0	0	2	.287
Segura 2b	4	2	2	0	2	.307
Realmuto c	4	1	2	0	2	.264
Schwarber lf	3	1	1	2	1	.189
Camargo ss	3	1	1	3	0	.239
Quinn cf	3	0	1	0	1	.200
c-Herrera ph-cf	1	1	1	0	0	.279
TOTALS	**36**	**9**	**12**	**8**	**10**	
Los Angeles	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Betts rf	4	0	0	0	1	.241
Freeman 1b	5	1	1	0	0	.310
T.Turner ss	4	2	3	0	0	.276
Muncy 3b	3	2	1	0	2	.144
Smith c	4	1	3	3	1	.260
Rios dh	3	0	0	0	2	.278
a-J.Turner ph	1	0	1	2	0	.202
1-Barnes pr-dh	1	0	0	0	0	.226
Bellinger cf	5	1	1	1	1	.205
Taylor lf	5	0	2	1	1	.255
Lux 2b	3	0	0	0	2	.259
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WNBA

Former UConn guards Westbrook, Jefferson sign contracts with Lynx

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

Former UConn guards Evina Westbrook and Moriah Jefferson signed contracts with the Minnesota Lynx on Friday.

The franchise announced on Thursday that Westbrook had signed a hardship exception. Her deal was reportedly restructured to a full-season contract and she will now be with the Lynx for the rest of the season, according to ESPN's Alexa Philippou.

There are now three Huskies on the Minnesota roster. The Lynx waived another former UConn guard, Crystal Dangerfield, back on May 3. She signed a hardship contract with the Indiana Fever and was released on Wednesday, in accordance with league policy that once a team is back to 10 available players the hardship agreement must expire. Napheesa Collier is also on the Minnesota roster, but she is pregnant and not with the team.

Westbrook, a 6-foot guard, was selected 21st overall by the Seattle Storm in this year's WNBA draft but was waived by the team on May 4. She averaged 9.0 points, 2.5 rebounds and 1.5 assists through two preseason games and scored 15 points in less than 17 minutes in the second contest against the Phoenix Mercury, including the game-winning shot.. She went 3 of 4 on 3-point attempts and also had four rebounds, two assists and a crucial block.

Wings guard Moriah Jefferson in action against the Atlanta Dream in May 2021 in College Park, Georgia. **DANNY KARNIK/AP**

Jefferson, who has been in the league since 2016, was waived by the Dallas Wings earlier this week. She started 28 of 29 games for the team last season, averaging 5.4 points, 2.5 assists and 2.0 rebounds. Across her WNBA career, which has been plagued by knee injuries, the 5-6 Jefferson has averaged 8.7 points, 3.3 assists and 2.0 rebounds.

The Lynx have drawn attention around the league for their roster moves so far this season. The team waived Dangerfield and guard Layshia Clarendon during training camp and sent shockwaves when it bought out six-time All-WNBA selection Angel McCoughtry on Thursday.

Minnesota also re-signed forward Nikolina Milić, center Hannah Sjerven and guard Yvonne Turner to hardship contracts on Friday. All five signed players will be available for a game against the Chicago Sky on Saturday night.

Sun

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The Sun lost their season opener on the road against the New York Liberty last Saturday, 81-79. The team didn't have its full roster available as All-Stars DeWanna Bonner and Courtney Williams were both out. Williams has to sit out the first two games of the season on a suspension and Bonner was competing overseas in Turkey. Bonner is now listed as in the process of returning to the team but won't be available against the Sparks.

Back fully healthy after sitting out most of last season with a torn Achilles tendon, Alyssa Thomas was dominant in the loss to the Liberty. She had 25 points, seven rebounds, four steals and two assists.

Connecticut went 4 of 17 (23.5%) on 3-point attempts and turned the ball over 16 times, leading to 31 points for New York. The Sun have had plenty of time to focus on improving since as they've had a full week without a game, a rarity in this year's historic 36-game season.

"Anytime you have opportunity to practice in this league in this condensed season is really important," Sun head coach Curt Miller said. "We're going to be tinkering all year with new players and where they're best positioned to be successful with new lineups. Having an opportunity to practice [Alyssa Thomas], [Jonquel Jones] and [Brionna Jones] on the floor together is invaluable."

The Sun spent Monday focused on individual film sessions along with individual and team workouts. They put the Liberty game to bed on Tuesday, had a day off on Wednesday and have spent the rest of the week preparing for the Sparks. Controlling the pace of the game will be a big focus on Saturday.

"They're playing really fast," Alyssa Thomas said. "Their point guards are really pushing tempo and trying to get early actions, and then of course you have Liz [Cambage] in the paint, so they come at you with a lot of different looks. But for us the biggest thing is trying to slow the ball down."

What to know about the Los Angeles Sparks: Los Angeles is off to a 2-1 start, including wins over the reigning champion Chicago Sky in overtime and against the Indiana Fever. Most recently the Sparks lost to the Atlanta Dream, 77-75, on Wednesday. All three games were on the road.

The Sparks' roster looks quite different than a season ago when they finished 12-20. Most notably, the franchise signed the 6-foot-9 Cambage, a four-time WNBA All-Star. Los Angeles also traded for guards Chennedy Carter and Lexie Brown and signed Jordin Canada. Cambage and Canada are both averaging more than 16 points per game, as is forward Nneka Ogumike.

Los Angeles also acquired former UConn stars Katie Lou Samuelson (via a trade with Seattle) and Olivia Nelson-Ododa (via the draft). Both are listed as out for Saturday's game, as they have been throughout the young season. Samuelson is on a partial season suspension while competing overseas where she just won the Spanish League Championship, while Nelson-Ododa is listed as week-to-week with a hip injury. Guard Kristi Toliver is also out on a partial season suspension as she coaches the Dallas Mavericks in the NBA playoffs.

Collective

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"It's the same thing we do with my kids," he said. "We look at the deal and they say they are going to pay us 'X' amount of money. A lot of times people get excited about the top-line number, but they need to know what their contract is and what responsibility they are going to have after they sign this deal."

For example, if an athlete signed a deal with a soda company for $500 but had to do 10 TikToks, D'Amelio would advise them not to take the deal.

He also hopes to help athletes with the process of getting verified on all social media platforms.

Currently, D'Amelio has contacted multiple brands that are interested in working with the collective. Some of these companies include a video-editing app called "Lightricks," and Step, a banking platform for teens.

D'Amelio believes he can raise between $250,000-$500,000 from the companies that have committed to the collective.

As for D'Amelio, he said he will take no profit from the collective.

"I feel like so much of the things I have in my life, either directly or indirectly, have come from UConn," he said. "I've always had a love for the university."

D'Amelio said he has been in constant contact with UConn about the idea, and the school has given him its blessing to make the collective.

"Marc D'Amelio and his family are tremendous supporters of UConn athletics and obviously have a great deal of expertise in this space," UConn director of athletics David Benedict said. "Many aspects of NIL are evolving, and Marc has shown great interest in assisting our student-athletes by any means possible and has taken a lot of time to educate himself as it relates to the applicable NCAA rules.

"Marc is endeavoring to create something that benefits our student-athletes but doing so in a manner that will ensure this initiative endures, and I am grateful to him for his efforts."

D'Amelio is making sure the collective is NCAA-compliant throughout the entire process.

"This isn't about someone else's money and diverting it to a student-athlete," he said. "It's about using the name and likeness to help generate revenue for them."

D'Amelio said he believes the collective will pay dividends in the long run for the student-athletes.

"When my kids post something and a company calls and goes, 'Man, that was such an incredible post and we got so much response on that,' it's going to be so much more effective in building student-athletes' self-esteem and understanding on how to work with companies," D'Amelio said, "It's really going to be a lot better than, 'Hey man, here's a bag full of money.' That's not what I am into."

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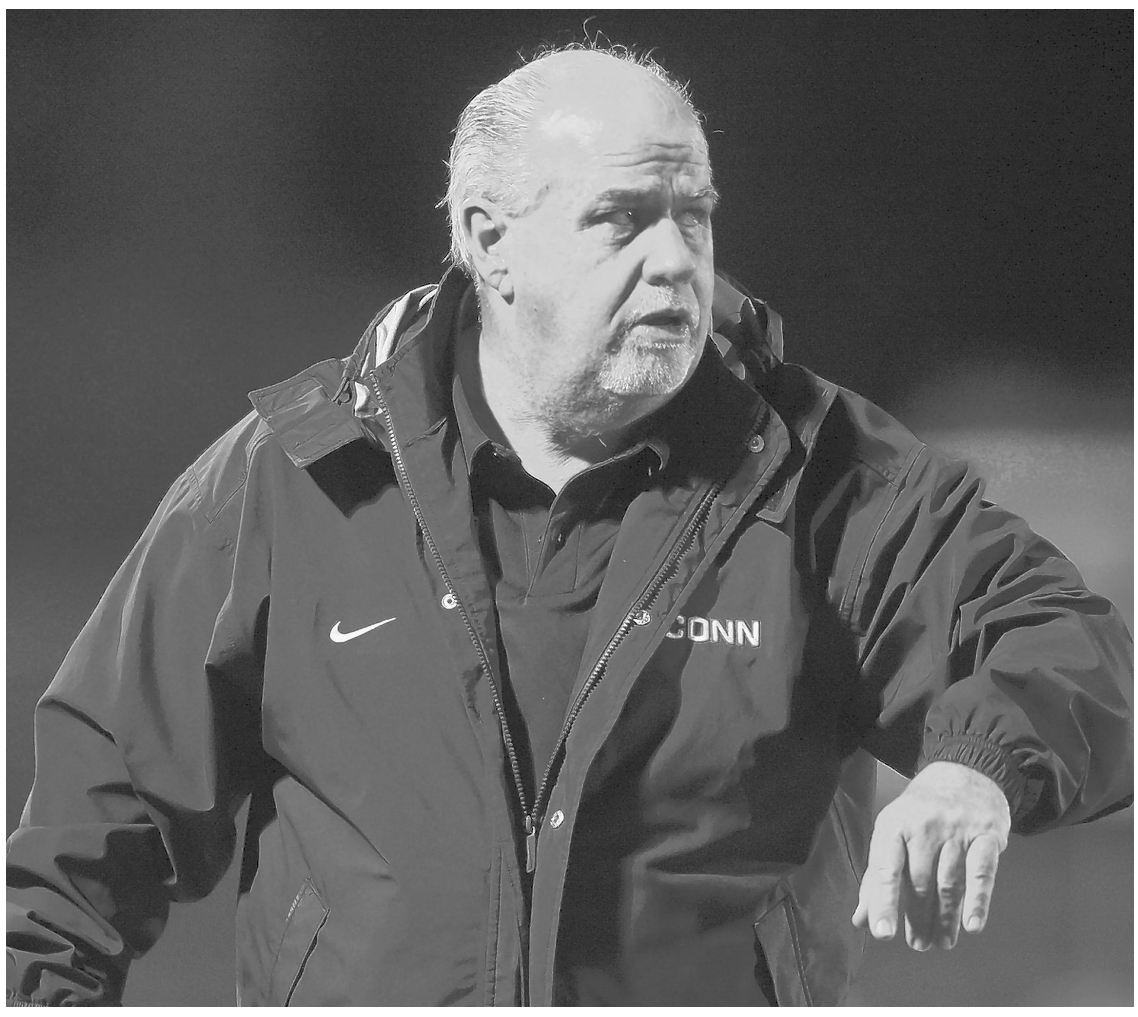
Reid does not plan wholesale changes upon taking over. The Athletic plays at home on Saturday against New York Red Bulls II at Trinity Health Stadium.

"The level of play is pretty good," Reid said. "I've been watching the guys play the last month, watching every day, observing. There are challenges you've got to take on, but Connecticut is a good soccer state. Good fans, good location, a great venue to play. Hopefully, I can help Coach Watling and Bruce Mandell get our group going in the right direction over time. I'm coming in to evaluate every aspect of it over the next couple of months. I like Harry, I think he's a good coach. I'm there to put a plan in place going on, evaluate everything and see what our best course of action is."

As Reid pointed out, all the elements are in place for a successful operation. The Athletic has a loud, loyal fan base that makes its presence felt at home games. All that's needed is a few more wins.

"Ray is one of the most influential people in soccer in Connecticut and his experience and knowledge of the American soccer system are welcome additions to our organization," Watling said. "I'm very pleased that he has decided to come on board and look forward to working with him."

Before he left UConn, Reid established a scholarship program to help minority coaches. He has a wide coaching tree, with 19 of his former players or assistants coaching at the Division I college or pro level, including Chris Gbandi, his successor at UConn. Since "retiring," he has been involved in various fundraising projects, helping to draw 500 attendees to a dinner to help launch a soccer scholarship in the memory of John DeBrito, who played for him at Southern, and a series of podcasts, "For the Love of the Game."



Former UConn head coach Ray Reid is taking on soccer operations for the Hartford Athletic. **JOHN WOIKE/ HARTFORD COURANT**

So Reid, with plenty to do in retirement, is now back in the game and ready to build another winning culture.

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Track

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UConn men held a commanding lead in team scoring with 101.5 points and the women were also leading with 72 points, with Villanova close behind with 59. The championships will continue Saturday at UConn's George J. Sherman Family Complex.

Keegan, who also won the Big East indoor track weight throw title this year, was a walk-on to the team as a sophomore. He was a shot put and discus thrower at Hall High but didn't throw the hammer until the CIAC hammer throw championships at the end of his senior year. He didn't make the finals, but something about the event intrigued him.

"I wasn't even really a great shot putter or discus thrower [in high school]," he said. "I worked really hard at it, which is why I was able to get college attention because they saw how much I'd grown over my high school career, so they thought maybe this guy can turn into something as a college athlete, and that's what ended up happening."

He went to Sacred Heart for a year, then transferred to UConn, where he decided to specialize in the hammer and weight throw.

"With my background in Olympic weightlifting — it was a natural event for me," he said. "I came in as a walk-on. I had to try out. They picked me up for the fall training squad to see how I could progress. My sophomore year, I narrowly missed the final in the AAC championships. That was a big motivator. I wanted to come back and prove I could score points."

He kept improving his junior year, then COVID-19 shut down college sports. UConn didn't have an indoor season last year but the Huskies had an outdoor season and Keegan won his first Big East title.

Friday, he threw just under his season's best (59.55 meters). His personal best throw is 63 meters, from last year, but this semester, he was student teaching and that took up a lot of time.

"It's been a lot of hard work and long nights but it's been absolutely worth it," he said.

Now Keegan will wait to see if he makes the NCAA regionals. He is No. 59 on the list, and only 48 will go so it might be a long shot unless 11 competitors drop out.

But he's happy with his college career if it ends this weekend.

"Not bad for a walk-on," he said.

Snyder wins pole vault: UConn junior Travis Snyder, who won the collegiate title at the Penn Relays, defended his Big East pole vault title Friday with a vault of 5.15 meters (16 feet, 10-¾ inches). "I've had a decent season," said Snyder, who is from Saco, Maine. "Kind of a rough start. We train really hard to peak at the end of the season. It's coming along." ... Other UConn winners were Mikyla Rodgers in the hammer throw (60.22 meters), Colin Winkler (javelin, 65.48 meters), Emma Chee (pole vault, 4.15 meters), Richmond Kwaateng (long jump, 7.42 meters), Daniel Claxton (high jump, 2.12 meters) and Mia Nahom set a conference record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (9:52.81).

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Strus

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That series, no matter the opponent, starts Tuesday in Miami.

"It's one of the biggest moments, not only in my career, but in my life," Strus said. "This is the moment you want to be in being a basketball player and doing what we do for a living. And I'm super excited and want to start tomorrow."

Jimmy Butler led the way for Miami with 32 points, continuing his postseason of incredible numbers. Strus added 20 points, 11 rebounds and five assists for the Heat, joining a very small club of Miami players who have done that in postseason play.

LeBron James did it seven times. Bam Adebayo has three such games, Butler has two, and three players have one — Dwyane Wade, Shaquille O'Neal and Max Strus. Few might have suspected a couple years ago that his name would have been in a sentence alongside players like those, but here he is.

"He's gotten so much better from the time we started this year," Heat forward P.J. Tucker said. "He's definitely our most improved. He's really stepped up to be a guy that we count on, not only to make shots but to be aggressive. ... Even if he didn't believe it in himself, we believed in him."

With good reason.

Strus was playing a role for the Heat until late March, when Miami coach Erik Spoelstra decided it was time for a bigger role. The No. 1 seed in the East was beginning to slip away from the Heat and Spoelstra made some rotation tweaks — the most notable one being putting Strus in the starting lineup over Duncan Robinson.

Spoelstra agonized over the decision. The Heat are 14-3 when Strus starts since.

"He did everything last year and this summer to put himself in position to be able to take on a bigger role," Spoelstra said.

SCOREBOARD

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PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

EAST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
#1 Miami 4, #4 Philadelphia 2
May 2: Miami 106-92
May 4: Miami 119-103
May 6: Philadelphia 99-79
May 8: Philadelphia 116-108.
May 10: Miami 120-85.
May 12: Miami 99-90

#3 Milwaukee 3, #2 Boston 2
May 1: Milwaukee 101-89
May 3: Boston 109-86.
May 7: Milwaukee 103-101.
May 9: Boston 116-108.
May 11: Milwaukee 110-107.
Friday: at Milwaukee, late
x-Sunday: at Boston, 3:30 p.m.

WEST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
#1 Phoenix 3, #4 Dallas 3
May 2: Phoenix 121-114.
May 4: at Phoenix 129-109
May 6: Dallas 103-94
May 8: Dallas 111-101.
May 10: Phoenix 110-80
May 12: Dallas 113-86.
Sunday: at Phoenix, TBD

#3 Golden State 3, #2 Memphis 2
May 1: Golden State 117-116
May 3: Memphis 106-101
May 7: Golden State 142-112
May 9: at Golden State, 101-98.
May 11: Memphis 134-95.
Friday: at Golden State, late
x-May 16: at Memphis, 8:30 p.m.

EAST CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
#1 Miami vs. #2 Boston/#3 Milwaukee
Tuesday: Bos/Mil vs. Miami, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday: Bos/Mil vs. Miami, 8;30 p.m.
May 21: Miami vs. Bos/Mil, 8:30 p.m.
May 23: Miami vs. Bos/Mil, 8:30 p.m.
x-May 25: Bos/Mil vs. Miami, 8:30 p.m.
x-May 27: Miami vs. Bos/Mil, 8:30 p.m.
x-May 29: Bos/Mil vs. Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WEST CONFERENCE FINALS
#1 Phoenix/#4 Dallas vs.
#2 Memphis/#3 Golden State
Wednesday: Phx/Dal vs. Mem/GS, 9 p.m.
May 20: Phx/Dal vs. Mem/GS, 9 p.m.
May 22: Phx/Dal vs. Mem/GS, 9 p.m.
May 24: Phx/Dal vs. Mem/GS, 9 p.m.
x-May 26: Phx/Dal vs. Mem/GS , 9 p.m.
x-May 28: Phx/Dal vs. Mem/GS , 9 p.m.
x-May 30: Phx/Dal vs. Mem/GS, 8 p.m.

PLAYOFF LEADERS

Through Thursday

SCORING AVERAGE	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Antetokounmpo, MIL	10	116	73	311	31.1
Doncic, DAL	9	99	55	280	31.1
Jokic, DEN	5	61	28	155	31.0
Butler, MIA	10	104	63	287	28.7
Morant, MEM	9	81	65	244	27.1
Ingram, NO	6	56	39	162	27.0
Tatum, BOS	9	79	57	242	26.9
Curry, GS	10	86	59	267	26.7
Durant, BKN	4	32	34	105	26.3
Mitchell, UTA	6	53	37	153	25.5
Edwards, MIN	6	50	28	151	25.2
Booker, PHO	9	76	42	222	24.7
Embiid, PHI	10	78	73	236	23.6
Brunson, DAL	12	102	55	274	22.8
Siakam, TOR	6	51	31	137	22.8
Brown, BOS	9	73	38	203	22.6
McCollum, NO	6	49	18	133	22.2
Towns, MIN	6	39	43	131	21.8
Irving, BKN	4	28	21	85	21.3
Hunter, ATL	5	39	16	106	21.2
DeRozan, CHI	5	39	26	104	20.8
Maxey, PHI	12	88	47	249	20.8
Poole, GS	10	70	35	200	20.0
Thompson, GS	10	75	10	194	19.4
Vucevic, CHI	5	40	4	97	19.4
LaVine, CHI	4	27	14	77	19.3
Holiday, MIL	10	73	23	191	19.1
Ayton, PHO	12	103	20	228	19.0
Harden, PHI	12	64	67	223	18.6
Bane, MEM	11	67	27	200	18.2
Paul, PHO	12	83	34	218	18.2
Bogdanovic, UTA	6	39	19	108	18.0
Clarkson, UTA	6	40	16	105	17.5
Anunoby, TOR	6	39	12	104	17.3
Harris, PHI	12	81	19	203	16.9
Jackson, MEM	11	54	39	173	15.7
Young, ATL	5	22	26	77	15.4

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EASTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	3	1	.750	—
Atlanta	2	1	.667	½
Chicago	1	1	.500	1
New York	1	1	.500	1
Indiana	1	2	.333	1½
Connecticut	0	1	.000	1½
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Las Vegas	3	1	.750	—
Los Angeles	2	1	.667	½
Dallas	1	1	.500	1
Phoenix	1	1	.500	1
Seattle	1	2	.333	1½
Minnesota	0	3	.000	2½

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Dallas 94, Washington 86
Las Vegas 96, Atlanta 73
Indiana at New York, late

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Phoenix at Seattle, 3p.m.
Los Angeles at Connecticut, 7p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Dallas at New York, 2p.m.
Atlanta at Indiana, 3p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Connecticut at New York, 7p.m.
Atlanta at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8p.m.
Phoenix at Las Vegas, 10p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18
Chicago at Seattle, 10p.m.

SHOOTING LEADERS

3-POINTERS MADE	TM	3P	3PA	3P%
Kelsey Plum	LVA	10	21	.476
Rhyne Howard	ATL	9	22	.409
Sue Bird	SEA	8	15	.533
Jewell Loyd	SEA	8	19	.421
Kelsey Mitchell	IND	8	22	.364
Lexie Brown	LAS	7	11	.636
Candace Parker	CHI	6	12	.500
Ariel Atkins	WAS	5	15	.333
Dana Evans	CHI	5	10	.500
Theresa Plaisance	LVA	5	8	.625
Epiphanny Prince	SEA	5	6	.833

FIELD GOALS MADE	TM	FG	FGA	FG%
Sylvia Fowles	MIN	25	43	.581
Kelsey Mitchell	IND	22	52	.423
Dearica Hamby	LVA	21	33	.636
Jewell Loyd	SEA	21	45	.467
Jackie Young	LVA	21	36	.583
Nneka Ogwumike	LAS	19	35	.543
Kelsey Plum	LVA	18	44	.409
Ariel Atkins	WAS	17	39	.436
Skylar Diggins-Smith	PHO	17	32	.531
A'ja Wilson	LVA	17	33	.515

2-POINTERS MADE	TM	2P	2PA	2P%
Sylvia Fowles	MIN	25	43	.581
Dearica Hamby	LVA	20	29	.690
Jackie Young	LVA	19	31	.613
Nneka Ogwumike	LAS	17	30	.567

USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	3	1	0	.750	79	63
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500	89	95
Michigan	1	3	0	.250	67	53
Pittsburgh	0	4	0	.000	39	92
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Birmingham	4	0	0	1.000	99	75
New Orleans	3	1	0	.750	93	58
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	.500	57	79
Houston	1	3	0	.250	87	95

WEEK 5
FRIDAY'S RESULT
Michigan at Tampa Bay, late

SATURDAY'S GAME
New Orleans at New Jersey, 3p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Birmingham at Phildelphia, Noon
Pittsburgh at Houston, 4p.m.

NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Carolina 3, Boston 3
May 2: Carolina 5-1
May 4: Carolina 5-2
May 6: Boston 4-2
May 8: Boston, 5-2
May 10: Carolina, 5-1
May 12: Boston 5-2
Saturday: at Carolina, 4:30 p.m.

Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 3
May 3: Pittsburgh 4-3 (3OT)
May 5: N.Y. Rangers 5-2
May 7: Pittsburgh 7-4
May 9: Pittsburgh 7-2
May 11: N.Y. Rangers 5-2
Friday: N.Y. Rangers 5-3
Sunday: at N.Y. Rangers, TBD

Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 3
May 2: Toronto 5-0
May 4: Tampa Bay 5-3
May 6: Toronto 5-2
May 8: Tampa Bay 7-3
May 10: Toronto 4-3
May 12: Tampa Bay 4-3 (OT)
Saturday: at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Florida 3, Washington 2
May 3: Washington 4-2
May 5: Florida 5-1
May 7: Washington 6-1
May 9: Florida 3-2 (OT)
May 11: Florida 5-3
Friday: at Washington, late
x-Sunday: at Florida, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Calgary 3, Dallas 2
May 3: Calgary 1-0
May 5: Dallas 2-0
May 7: Dallas 4-2
May 9: Calgary 4-1
May 11: Calgary 3-1
Friday: at Dallas, late
x-Sunday: at Calgary, TBD

Los Angeles 3, Edmonton 3
May 2: Los Angeles 4-3
May 4: Edmonton 6-0
May 6: Edmonton 8-2
May 8: Los Angeles 4-0
May 10: Los Angeles 5-4 (OT)
May 12: Edmonton 4-2
x-Saturday: at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

Colorado 4, Nashville 0
May 3: Colorado 7-2
May 5: Colorado 2-1 (OT)
May 7: Colorado 7-3
May 9: Colorado 5-3

St. Louis 4, Minnesota 2
May 2: St. Louis 4-0
May 4: Minnesota 6-2
May 6: Minnesota 5-1
May 8: St. Louis 5-2.
May 10: St. Louis 5-2
May 12: St. Louis 5-1

WESTERN CONFERENCE
SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
St. Louis vs. Colorado
G1: at Colorado, TBD
G2: at Colorado, TBD
G3: at St. Louis, TBD
G4: at St. Louis, TBD
x-G5: at Colorado, TBD
x-G6: at St. Louis, TBD
x-G7: at Colorado, TBD

TENNIS

INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA

At Foro Italico, Rome, Red Clay-outdoor
MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#1Novak Djokovic d.
#8Felix Auger-Aliassime, 7-5, 7-6(1).
#2Alexander Zverev d.
Cristian Garin, 7-5, 6-2.
#4Stefanos Tsitsipas d.
#10Jannik Sinner, 7-6(5), 6-2.
#5Casper Ruud d.
#13Denis Shapovalov, 7-6(7), 7-5.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#1Iga Swiatek d.
Bianca Andreescu, 7-6(2), 6-0.
#3Aryna Sabalenka d.
Amanda Anisimova, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.
#9Ons Jabeur d.
#4Maria Sakkari, 1-6, 7-5, 6-1.
Daria Kasatkina d.
Jil Teichmann, 6-4, 3-2, ret.

WTA TROPHEE LAGARDERE

At Lagardère Paris Racing Club, Paris; clay-outdoors
WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#1Kaia Kanepi d.
Donna Vekic, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.
#3Beatriz Haddad Maia d.
Elsa Jacquemot, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.
#7Claire Liu d.
#4 Varvara Gracheva, 6-4, 7-5.
Ana Bogdan d.
#8Magdalena Frech, 6-2, 6-4.

WTA LIQUI MOLY OPEN

Karlsruhe, Germany; clay-outdoors
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#3Anna Bondar d. Eva Lys, 6-0, 7-5.
Anna--Lena Friedsam d.
#7 Dalma Galfi, 6-3, 7-6 (1).
#8 Bernarda Pera d.
Mai Hontama, 7-5, 7-5.
#2 Mayar Sherif d.
#5 Panna Udvardy, 6-4, 7-6 (5).

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES

MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS

RK	MAKE	PTS	PB	W
1	Chevrolet	446	—	7
2	Ford	406	-40	3
3	Toyota	406	-40	2

DRIVER POINT STANDINGS

DRIVER	W	T5	T10	PTS
Chase Elliott	1	3	9	453
William Byron	2	4	4	388
Ryan Blaney	0	4	6	388
Joey Logano	1	4	6	374
Ross Chastain	2	7	7	364
Kyle Busch	1	3	8	364
Martin Truex, Jr.	0	2	5	364
Alex Bowman	1	3	7	357
Kyle Larson	1	5	6	336
Christopher Bell	0	2	6	327
Kevin Harvick	0	2	6	313
Aric Almirola	0	1	4	311
Chase Briscoe	1	2	3	287
Austin Dillon	0	3	6	287
Tyler Reddick	0	4	5	286
Erik Jones	0	1	4	282
Daniel Suarez	0	2	4	269
Austin Cindric	1	1	2	258
Chris Buescher	0	0	3	251
Justin Haley	0	1	1	243
Kurt Busch	0	2	4	233
Denny Hamlin	1	1	1	231
Michael McDowell	0	0	4	231
Bubba Wallace	0	1	1	225
Ty Dillon	0	0	1	205
Cole Custer	0	0	0	200
Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	0	1	3	198
Todd Gilliland	0	0	0	173
Harrison Burton	0	0	0	169
Corey LaJoie	0	1	1	161
Brad Keselowski	0	0	1	153
Cody Ware	0	0	0	109
B.J. McLeod	0	0	0	78
David Ragan	0	0	1	61
Garrett Smithley	0	0	0	28
Greg Biffle	0	0	0	24
Jacques Villeneuve	0	0	0	15
Boris Said	0	0	0	11
Joey Hand	0	0	0	2

NASCAR CUP FASTEST LAPS

Points standing positions, percentage and total fastest laps:

DRIVER	POS.	PCT.	LAPS
1. Chase Elliott	1	6.9	187
2. William Byron	2	6.5	177
3. Ross Chastain	5	6.4	174
4. Martin Truex Jr	6	6.3	163
5. Ryan Blaney	3	5.5	150
6. Kyle Busch	6	5.2	143
7. Kyle Larson	9	4.8	132
8. Tyler Reddick	15	4.7	127
9. Chase Briscoe	13	4.7	127
10. Alex Bowman	8	3.6	98

LAPS LED

DRIVER	EV	LAPS	LED
William Byron	12	3126	544
Ryan Blaney	12	3142	370
Chase Elliott	12	3313	349
Ross Chastain	12	2974	269
Kyle Busch	12	3035	225
Tyler Reddick	12	3017	206

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	5	1	4	19	15	8
N.Y. Red Bulls	5	2	3	18	16	8
CF Montréal	5	3	2	17	20	19
Orlando City	5	4	2	17	13	15
Cincinnati	5	5	1	16	14	17
New York City FC	4	3	2	14	19	10
Atlanta	4	4	2	14	15	14
Charlotte FC	4	6	1	13	10	13
Columbus	3	3	4	13	15	11
D.C. United	4	5	0	12	12	13
New England	3	5	2	11	16	18
Toronto FC	3	6	2	11	16	22
Inter Miami CF	3	6	1	10	9	19
Chicago	2	4	4	10	7	11
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Los Angeles FC	7	1	2	23	23	10
Austin FC	6	2	2	20	22	9
LA Galaxy	6	3	1	19	11	7
FC Dallas	5	1	4	19	16	7
Real Salt Lake	4	3	4	16	10	15
Nashville	4	3	3	15	11	10
Minnesota United	4	4	2	14	11	9
Houston	3	4	3	12	12	13
Colorado	3	4	3	12	11	12
Portland	2	3	6	12	11	16
San Jose	2	5	3	9	16	23
Sporting KC	2	6	3	9	8	16
Seattle	2	5	1	7	9	13
Vancouver	2	6	1	7	7	17

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Orlando City at Toronto FC, 3p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Colorado, 3:30p.m.
CF Montréal at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
Columbus at New York City FC, 7p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 7p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
Cincinnati at Chicago, 8p.m.
D.C. United at Miami, 8p.m.
Nashville at Houston, 8:30p.m.
Austin FC at Real Salt Lake, 9:30p.m.
Sporting KC at Portland, 10p.m.
FC Dallas at LA Galaxy, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
New England at Atlanta, 1:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 4p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
New York City FC at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 7:30p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 8:30p.m.
Colorado at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.
CF Montréal at Nashville, 8:30p.m.
FC Dallas at Vancouver, 10p.m.
Austin FC at Los Angeles FC, 10:30p.m.
Portland at San Jose, 10:30p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 21
Los Angeles FC at Columbus, 3:30p.m.
Toronto FC at D.C. United, 4p.m.
New England at Cincinnati, 6p.m.
Atlanta at Nashville, 7:30p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 22
Real Salt Lake at CF Montréal, 4p.m.
Vancouver at Charlotte FC, 5p.m.
Chicago at New York City FC, 5p.m.
New York at Miami, 6p.m.
Minnesota at FC Dallas, 7p.m.
Sporting KC at San Jose, 7:30p.m.
Orlando City at Austin FC, 8p.m.
Seattle at Colorado, 8p.m.
Houston at LA Galaxy, 8p.m.
Philadelphia at Portland, 10p.m.

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	2	0	0	6	5	0
Portland	1	0	0	3	3	0
Chicago	1	0	0	3	2	1
Houston	1	1	0	3	2	1
Washington	1	0	0	3	2	1
Angel City FC	1	1	0	3	2	2
Gotham FC	1	1	0	3	3	4
Orlando	1	1	0	3	1	3
OL Reign	0	1	1	1	3	4
Louisville	0	1	1	1	3	4
North Carolina	0	1	0	0	1	2
Kansas City	0	2	0	0	0	5

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S RESULT
OL Reign at Portland, late

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Kansas City at Orlando, 6:30p.m.
North Carolina at Gotham FC, 7p.m.
Houston at Louisville, 8p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Chicago at San Diego Wave FC, 5p.m.
Angel City FC at Washington, 5p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
Orlando at North Carolina, 7p.m.
San Diego FC at Louisville, 7:30p.m.
Washington at Portland, 10p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 21
Houston at Portland, 6p.m.
Kansas City at Angel City FC, 10:30p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Man City	36	28	5	3	94	22	89
Liverpool	36	26	8	2	89	24	86
Chelsea	36	20	10	6	73	31	70
Arsenal	36	21	3	12	56	45	66
Tottenham	36	20	5	11	63	40	65
Man United	37	16	10	11	57	56	58
West Ham	36	16	7	13	57	46	55
Wolverhampton	36	15	5	16	36	39	50
Brighton	36	11	14	11	38	42	47
Leicester	35	12	9	14	52	56	45
Crystal Palace	35	10	14	11	46	42	44
Aston Villa	35	13	4	18	48	49	43
Brentford	36	12	7	17	44	52	43
Newcastle	36	11	10	15	40	61	43
Southampton	36	9	13	14	41	61	40
Everton	35	10	6	19	37	56	36
Burnley	35	7	13	15	32	49	34
Leeds	36	8	10	18	39	77	34
Watford	36	6	5	25	32	70	23
Norwich	36	5	6	25	22	78	21

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Tottenham vs. Burnley, 7a.m.
Aston Villa vs. Crystal Palace, 9a.m.
Leeds vs. Brighton, 9a.m.
Watford vs. Leicester, 9a.m.
West Ham vs. Man City, 9a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Norwich, 9a.m.
Everton vs. Brentford, 11:30a.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH
Newcastle vs. Arsenal, 3p.m.

TUESDAY'S MATCH
Southampton vs. Liverpool, 2:45p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 19
Everton vs. Crystal Palace, 2:45p.m.
Chelsea vs. Leicester, 3p.m.
Aston Villa vs. Burnley, 3p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 22
Arsenal vs. Everton, 11a.m.
Brentford vs. Leeds, 11a.m.
Brighton vs. West Ham, 11a.m.
Burnley vs. Newcastle, 11a.m.
Chelsea vs. Watford, 11a.m.
Crystal Palace vs. Man United, 11a.m.
Leicester vs. Southampton, 11a.m.
Liverpool vs. Wolverhampton, 11a.m.
Man City vs. Aston Villa, 11a.m.
Norwich vs. Tottenham, 11a.m.

ODDS

MLB	SATURDAY		
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**Line**
San Francisco	-120	at St. Louis	+102
at Atlanta	-127	San Diego	+108
Milwaukee	-142	at Miami	+123
Cincinnati	-120	at Pittsburgh	+100
at Arizona	off	Chicago Cubs	off
at LA Dodgers	-180	Philadelphia	+155
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
LA Angels	-146	at Oakland	+124
at Detroit	-120	Baltimore	+100
at Tampa Bay	off	Toronto	off
at Texas	-124	Boston	+106
at Minnesota	-166	Cleveland	+140
NY Yankees	-188	at Chi Wh. Sox	+158
at Oakland	off	LA Angels	off
INTERLEAGUE			
Houston	-160	at Wash.	+140
at NY Mets	-167	Seattle	+148
at Colorado	-155	Kansas City	+135

NHL	SATURDAY		
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**Line**
at Carolina	-132	Boston	+110
at TORONTO	-120	Tampa Bay	+100
at Edmonton	-210	Los Angeles	+172

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GOLF

LATE THURSDAY: PGA AT&T BYRON NELSON

1st oof 4 rounds, TPC Craig Ranch, McKinney, Texas, 7,468 yards; Par: 72

Sebastian Munoz	32-28—60	-12
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	31-33—64	-8
Justin Lower	32-32—64	-8
Peter Malnati	32-32—64	-8
Mito Pereira	32-32—64	-8
Kyle Wilshire	33-32—65	-7
Carlos Ortiz	32-34—66	-6
Seamus Power	33-33—66	-6
Charl Schwartzel	33-33—66	-6
David Skinns	34-32—66	-6
J.J. Spaun	33-33—66	-6
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	33-34—67	-5
Dustin Johnson	36-31—67	-5
Matt Kuchar	33-34—67	-5
Hideki Matsuyama	35-32—67	-5
Joaquin Niemann	32-35—67	-5
Ryan Palmer	33-34—67	-5
Scottie Scheffler	32-35—67	-5
Matthias Schwab	35-32—67	-5
Adam Scott	32-35—67	-5
Conrad Shindler	33-34—67	-5
Jordan Spieth	33-34—67	-5
Scott Stallings	30-37—67	-5
Dawie Van der Walt	35-32—67	-5
Jason Day	35-33—68	-4
Tyler Duncan	32-36—68	-4
Brice Garnett	34-34—68	-4
Scott Gutschewski	32-36—68	-4
Tom Hoge	35-33—68	-4
Mackenzie Hughes	34-34—68	-4
Jason Kokrak	33-35—68	-4
Trey Mullinax	39-29—68	-4
Aaron Rai	32-36—68	-4
Adam Schenk	34-34—68	-4
Austin Smotherman	35-33—68	-4
Brandt Snedeker	35-33—68	-4
Justin Thomas	35-33—68	-4
Aaron Wise	36-32—68	-4
Jared Wolfe	34-34—68	-4
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	36-33—69	-3
Paul Barjon	32-37—69	-3
Joseph Bramlett	36-33—69	-3
Luke Donald	34-35—69	-3
Brett Drewitt	36-33—69	-3
Dylan Frittelli	34-35—69	-3
Chesson Hadley	33-36—69	-3
James Hahn	35-34—69	-3
Beau Hossler	32-37—69	-3
John Huh	34-35—69	-3
David Lipsky	34-35—69	-3
Max McGreevy	36-33—69	-3
Maverick McNealy	33-36—69	-3
Keith Mitchell	35-34—69	-3
Francesco Molinari	35-34—69	-3
Seung-Yul Noh	35-34—69	-3
Andrew Novak	35-34—69	-3
Scott Piercy	35-34—69	-3
Ian Poulter	35-34—69	-3
Patrick Rodgers	35-34—69	-3
Sam Ryder	34-35—69	-3
Rory Sabbatini	34-35—69	-3

LPGA COGNIZANT FOUNDERS CUP

2nd of 4 rounds, Upper Montclair CC, Clifton, N.J., 6,536 yards; Par: 72

Minjee Lee	67-63—130	-14
Ally Ewing	67-66—133	-11
Madelene Sagstrom	63-70—133	-11
Lexi Thompson	67-66—133	-11
Sanna Nuutinen	67-68—135	-9
Carlota Ciganda	67-69—136	-8
Megan Khang	64-72—136	-8
Paula Reto	69-67—136	-8
Gina Kim	68-69—137	-7
Frida Kinhult	67-70—137	-7
Sophia Popov	68-69—137	-7
Angel Yin	70-67—137	-7
Brittany Altomare	70-68—138	-6
Chella Choi	68-70—138	-6
Mina Harigae	70-68—138	-6
Nasa Hataoka	65-73—138	-6
Jiwon Jeon	68-70—138	-6
A Lim Kim	69-69—138	-6
Cheyenne Knight	69-69—138	-6
Sung Hyun Park	68-70—138	-6
Lauren Stephenson	72-66—138	-6
Hye Jin Choi	69-70—139	-5
In Gee Chun	74-65—139	-5
Jin Young Ko	69-70—139	-5
Xiyu Lin	69-70—139	-5
Ryann O'Toole	67-72—139	-5
Bianca Pagdanganan	66-73—139	-5
Sarah Schmelzel	72-67—139	-5
Jenny Shin	75-64—139	-5
Atthaya Thitikul	71-68—139	-5
Lilia Vu	70-69—139	-5
Pajaree Anannarukarn	68-72—140	-4
Anna Davis	70-70—140	-4
Maria Fassi	71-69—140	-4
Jennifer Kupcho	70-70—140	-4
Amy Yang	66-74—140	-4
Celine Boutier	73-68—141	-3
Peiyun Chien	72-69—141	-3
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	72-69—141	-3
Isi Gabsa	71-70—141	-3
Sarah Kemp	72-69—141	-3
Alison Lee	72-69—141	-3
Gerina Mendoza-Piller	72-69—141	-3
Giulia Molinaro	66-75—141	-3
Anna Nordqvist	71-70—141	-3
Hee Young Park	72-69—141	-3
Katherine Perry-Hamski	72-69—141	-3
Yuka Saso	73-68—141	-3
Jennifer Song	69-72—141	-3
Kelly Tan	71-70—141	-3
Savannah Vilaubi	70-71—141	-3
Gemma Dryburgh	75-67—142	-2
Dana Finkelstein	74-68—142	-2
Jaye Marie Green	69-73—142	-2
Georgia Hall	69-73—142	-2
Min Lee	73-69—142	-2
Jeong Eun Lee5	74-68—142	-2
Ruixin Liu	70-72—142	-2
Annie Park	69-73—142	-2
Lindsey Weaver-Wright	74-68—142	-2

REGIONS TRADITION

2nd of 4 rounds, Greystone GC, Birmingham, Ala., 7,249 yards; Par: 72

Steve Stricker	65-68—133	-11
Padraig Harrington	69-66—135	-9
Scott McCarron	70-65—135	-9
Ernie Els	68-68—136	-8
Steven Alker	68-69—137	-7
Stuart Appleby	68-69

WEATHER

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Morning clouds and some areas of fog. Becoming partly sunny and warm. South wind at 5 to 10 mph.	Morning clouds and areas of fog, some dense. Becoming partly sunny and warm, a shower is possible.	Becoming partly sunny and warm with the chance for a few showers and thunderstorms.	Partly sunny and cooler.	Mostly sunny and pleasant.
HIGH 84° LOW 65°	HIGH 84° LOW 62°	HIGH 83° LOW 57°	HIGH 73° LOW 51°	HIGH 72° LOW 50°

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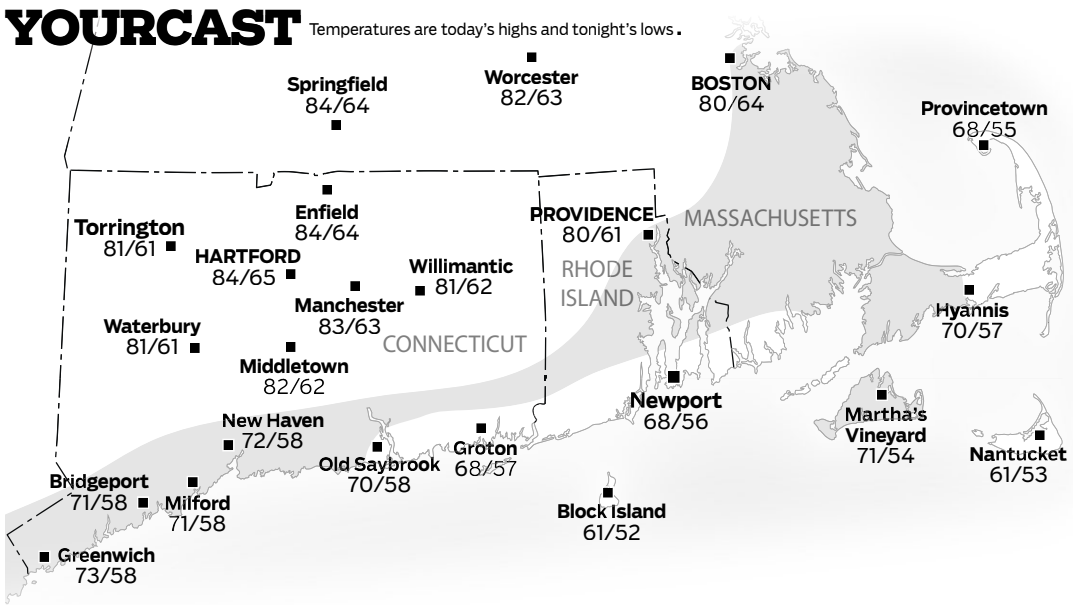
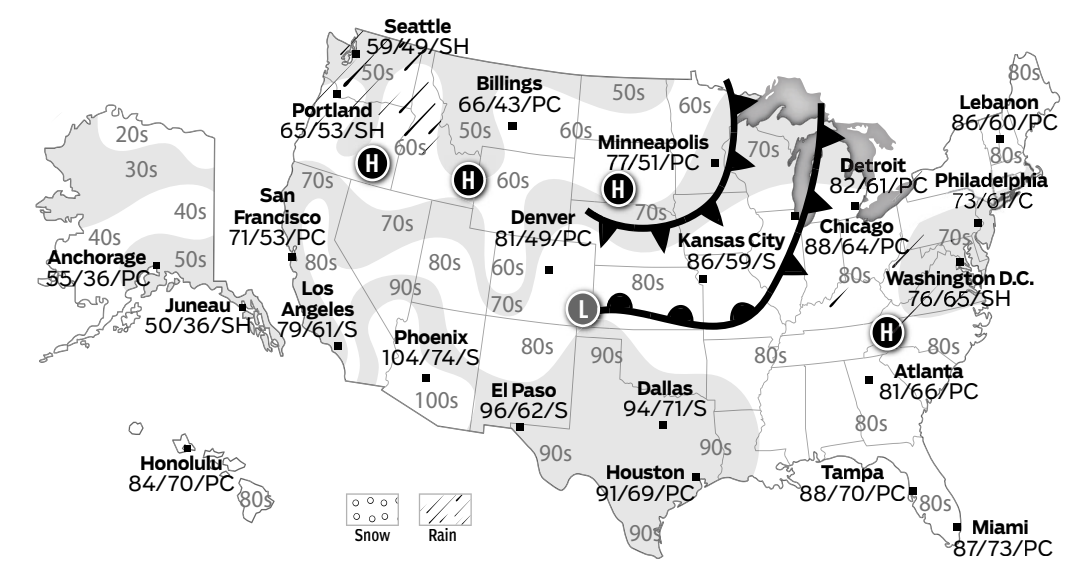
YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.





OUTLOOK

Some areas of fog on Saturday morning will limit visibility to under one quarter of a mile, mainly along the shoreline. Otherwise, morning cloudiness will be giving way to a partly sunny sky with high temperatures ranging from the mid-80s in central Connecticut to the upper 60s in some southeastern coastal communities. It will once again be moderately humid with dew points in the low to mid-60s. Clouds will lower and thicken Saturday night with more fog developing, some will be locally dense. As Sunday progresses the sunshine will return, and a shower is possible.

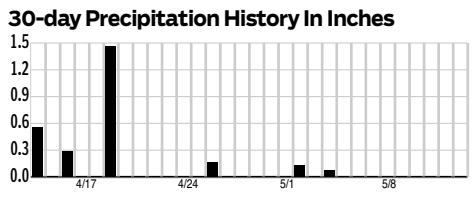
-Gary Lessor

ALMANAC

Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	Trace	0.12
Month to date	0.20	1.56
Total this year	14.90	15.66

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



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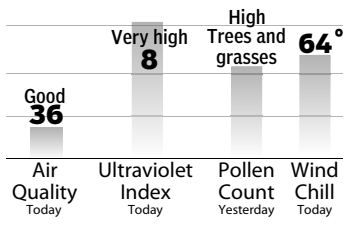


Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	8:36 a.m. 8:51 p.m.	2:51 a.m. 2:50 p.m.	56°
Saybrook Jetty	9:47 a.m. 10:02 p.m.	3:44 a.m. 3:43 p.m.	56°
Connecticut River at Portland	12:04 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m. 7:29 p.m.	
Madison	10:09 a.m. 10:23 p.m.	3:56 a.m. 4:07 p.m.	57°
New Haven	10:29 a.m. 10:43 p.m.	4:20 a.m. 4:31 p.m.	57°
Stamford	10:33 a.m. 10:47 p.m.	4:34 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	55°

River Stage at Hartford: 3.39 feet at 6:30 p.m.

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:32 a.m.	5:31 a.m.
Sunset	8:02 p.m.	8:03 p.m.
Moonrise	6:29 p.m.	7:48 p.m.
Moonset	4:39 a.m.	5:07 a.m.

Moon Phase

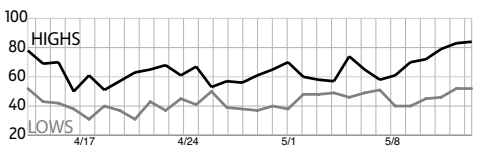
Full	Last	New	First
May 16	May 22	May 30	June 7

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	Fog	Fog	Fog
Wind	S, 5-10	SW, 5-10	SW, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	2-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Friday	84 at 3:41 p.m	63 at 5:06 a.m
Normal for date	71	48
Record for date	87 in 1947	32 in 2010
A year ago	71	38
Range this year	84	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - May 13	5287	5762	5346

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.33 at 10 a.m.	30.16 at 7 p.m.
Dew point	63° at 1 p.m.	60° at 12 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND											
Bangor	84	55	PC	Baltimore	74	61	SH	Nashville	80	63	T
Burlington	86	63	PC	Bismarck	65	40	PC	New Orleans	87	70	PC
Caribou	76	54	C	Boise	68	49	SH	New York	71	60	C
Concord	86	61	PC	Buffalo	75	60	C	Okla. City	89	66	PC
Montpelier	83	58	PC	Charleston	82	66	PC	Omaha	84	52	PC
Mt. Wash.	59	48	PC	Cincinnati	80	60	PC	Orlando	90	68	PC
Portland	83	60	S	Cleveland	79	61	PC	Pittsburgh	77	60	C
Woods Hole	70	55	C	Indianapolis	81	60	PC	Raleigh	78	62	T
NATION				Jacksonville	85	66	PC	St. Louis	84	67	PC
Albany	81	61	C	Las Vegas	98	73	S	Salt Lake City	77	54	PC
Albuquerque	88	58	S	Miami Beach	83	75	PC	San Antonio	94	69	PC
Atlantic City	70	58	SH	Milwaukee	75	54	PC	San Diego	75	61	PC
San Juan	87	76	PC	Kingston	88	75	PC	Stockholm	62	42	SH
Tucson	102	65	S	Lisbon	79	61	PC	Sydney	79	63	PC
WORLD				London	72	55	PC	Tel Aviv	80	66	PC
Amsterdam	70	45	S	Madrid	86	63	PC	Tokyo	81	61	R
Athens	77	57	S	Mexico City	93	72	PC	Toronto	77	59	S
Bangkok	93	81	T	Milan	77	61	R	Vancouver	55	50	SH
Barbados	86	75	S	Montreal	86	64	T	Warsaw	66	46	S
Beijing	77	52	S	Moscow	61	46	R	Budapest	77	53	S
Beirut	83	71	PC	Nassau	84	68	T	Buenos Aires	68	48	C
Berlin	72	46	C	New Delhi	111	82	S	Cairo	87	66	PC
Bermuda	78	71	PC	Paris	79	57	S	Cancun	85	71	S
				Prague	73	50	PC	Dubai	88	77	S
				Rio de Janeiro	82	66	R	Dublin	61	44	C
				Rome	81	57	C	Edinburgh	63	45	PC
				Seoul	70	50	S	Helsinki	59	41	SH
				Singapore	95	75	S	Hong Kong	81	70	SH
								Istanbul	73	57	PC
								Jerusalem	93	70	S
								Johannesburg	75	48	S

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

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THURSDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-North
WINDSOR 1, NEWINGTON 0
W 100-000-**0**—1-4-2
N 000-000-**0**—0-2-0
WP: Nate Acabchuk. **LP:** Austyn Howe. Rec.: **W**—15-0; **N**—12-3.
NCCC
GRANBY 7, SUFFIELD 4
G 201-100-**3**—7-9-0
S 110-010-**1**—4-4-0
WP: Ryan Frith. **LP:** Matt Sinofsky. **HR: G**—Josh Selander. Rec.: **G**—7-8; **S**—7-8. **Note:** Selander was 3-for-3with a homer, double, 4RBI and Timothy May was 3-for-4with 3runs scored. Griffin Mandirola was 2-for-4with an RBI for Suffield.
CTC
GOODWIN TECH 9, WINDHAM TECH 6
WT 001-030-**2**—6-7-2
GT 021-420-**x**—9-10-2
WP: Sean Kobialka. **LP:** Dan Meikle. **HR: GT**—Nick Jusino. Rec.: **GT**—7-10; **WT**—8-9. **Note:** Jusino had a grand slam and Christian Heider had a double, 2 RBI. Trey Lindsey was 3-for-3with 3RBI for Windham Tech.
ECC
BACON ACADEMY 4, NEW LONDON 3
NL 010-101-**0**—3-5-1
BA 120-001-**x**—4-3-4
WP: Chris Lusignan. **LP:** Derrel Mitchell. Rec.: **BA**—15-1; **NL**—7-9. **Note:** Alex Blanchette had a 2-out go-ahead RBI single in the bottom of the 6th. Jacob Ambrose got the save, pitching out of a 7th inning, bases-loaded no-out jam.
Others
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 1, EAST GRANBY 0
HK 000-100-**0**—1-3-0
EG 000-000-**0**—0-1-1
WP: Callen Powers. **LP:** Joe Medieros. Rec.: **HK**—11-6; **EG**—10-6. **Note:** Powers tossed a 1-hit shutout with 11 strikeouts. Declan Christopher scored the only run on a wild pitch. Aiden Cosgrove had a double for East Granby's only hit.

SOFTBALL

CCC-North
WINDSOR 4, NEWINGTON 3
N 201-000-**0**—3-7-0
W 000-120-**1**—4-10-0
WP: Sydney Hicks. **LP:** Jaelyn Gonzalez. Rec.: **W**—8-9; **N**—7-7. **Note:** Brianna Bailey had the game-winning sac fly, scoring Taylor Falotico with the winning run.
CCC-East
E.O. SMITH 12, SOUTH WINDSOR 0
EOS 302-400-**3**—12-18-2
SW 000-000-**0**—0-5-5
WP: Ashley Lewis. **LP:** Gabby Ryan. Rec.: **EOS**—6-7; **SW**—4-11. **Note:** Rachel Morales had 4hits, including a double, for E.O. Smith.
CCC-West
AVON 4, CONARD 1
C 000-100-**0**—1-4-2
A 003-100-**x**—4-9-3
WP: Jackie Pengel. **LP:** Tatyanah Datil. **HR: A**—Pengel. Rec.: **A**—10-4; **C**—7-10. **Note:** Pengel had 18strikeouts and had a homer, 2RBI at the plate. Amanda Hasler was 2-for-2with a double, 2RBI. Emilia Santiago had a double, RBI for Conard.
NCCC
WINDSOR LOCKS 4, GRANBY 1
G 000-010-**0**—1
WL 013-000-**x**—4
WP: Rene Homan. **LP:** Ashley Bristol. Rec.: **WL**—5-9; **G**—2-12. **Note:** Homan tossed a complete game with 12strikeouts, 1walk.
Others
WEAVER 20, BULKELEY 1 (5)
W 686-**00**—20-7-2
B 100-**00**—1-2-4
WP: Daisy Garriga. **LP:** Michelle Ortiz. **HR: W**—Valery Nieves. Rec.: **W**—8-6; **B**—0-11.

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-North
FARMINGTON 13, RHAM 5
Goals: F—Tyler Stoneman (3), Eoin Checkas (3), Brendan Occhino (2), Josh Wagor (2), Lucas Ditson (2), Elliot Stambaugh; **R**—Boden Landers (3), Tim Suttin (2). **Saves: F**—Harrison Slade, 9; **R**—Zach Bagden, 9. Rec.: **F**—5-7; **R**—5-7.

GIRLS LACROSSE

SCC
LAURALTON HALL 14, MERCY 7
Goals: LH—Charlotte Michener (5), Morgan White (3), Remi Sherlock (2), Anna Garate, Emma Mueller, Hollis Huntington, Abbey Delaney; **M**—Lily Schoonmaker, Maddy Carbone, Mackenzie Kelley. **Saves: LH**—Marina Pinto, 13; **M**—Callia Borkowski, 8. Rec.: **LH**—7-7; **M**—4-10.
Others
SOMERS 17, RHAM 16 (OT)
Goals: S—Caroline Colton (6), Jamie Anthony (5), Palmer Oliveri (3), Josie Smith, Ashley Birkenshaw, Hallie Watt; **R**—Diana Zito (5), Joelle Goralnik (3), Ciara Murray (2), Maggie Walker, Maddie Graves, Eva Morelli-Wolfe, Lauren Feige, Morgan Cyr, Grace Schadtle. **Saves: S**—Elena Riggins and Kayla Brown, 9; **R**—Love Lanzuella, 16. Rec.: **S**—5-8-1; **R**—3-9.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-West
FARMINGTON 3, NEWINGTON 0 (25-20, 25-14, 28-26)
F: Devon Schmidt, 7kills, 4blocks, Garrett Legner, 17assists, 4aces; **N:** Trey Guest, 13kills, 13digs, Justin Wichowski, 6blocks. Rec.: **F**—11-5; **N**—11-5.
CONARD 3, MALONEY 0 (25-23, 25-19, 25-12)
C: Aidan Buyak, 13kills, 3aces, 3digs, Hugh Baldwin, 9assists, 5kills; **M:** Dev Patel, 10digs, 7kills, Adnel Torres, 10 kills. Rec.: **C**—9-5; **M**—6-9.
CCC-Inter
WETHERSFIELD 3, LEWIS MILLS 1 (25-22, 25-14, 20-25, 25-15)
W: Andrew Knapp, 20kills, 6digs, 4aces, Giankarlos DeJesus, 6digs, 5kills; **LM:** Alex Butwill, 22assists, 4kills, Connor Evans, 10kills, 5blocks, 1ace. Rec.: **W**—5-10; **LM**—1-14.

BOYS GOLF

CCC-East
E.O. SMITH 182, MANCHESTER 188
Medalists: Joe Bray, E.O. Smith and Cole Huyler, Manchester, 43at The Windham Club.
RHAM 155, ENFIELD 182
Medalists: Conner Rabbit and Carson Waddell, RHAM, 38at Blackledge CC, Hebron.
EAST CATHOLIC 165, SOUTH WINDSOR 181
Medalist: Shane Luca, East Catholic, 37 at Tallwood CC, Hebron.
CCC-Inter
PLATT 199, WINDSOR 240
Medalist: Will Berthiaume, Platt, 44at Hunter GC, Meriden.
NCCC
COVENTRY 166, SUFFIELD 172
Medalists: Cameron Heath, Coventry and Justin Lucido, Suffield, 39at Skungamaug River GC, Coventry.
SMSA/HMTCA 222, WINDSOR LOCKS (NO TEAM SCORE)
Medalist: Frank DiChristino, SMSA/HMTCA, 45at Copper Hill CC, East Granby.
ELLINGTON 165, BOLTON (NO TEAM SCORE)
Medalist: Nate Miller, Ellington, 37at Rolling Meadows CC, Ellington.
Shoreline
CROMWELL 168, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 171
Medalist: Jack Wise, Cromwell, 37at Black Birch GC, Moodus.
PORTLAND 170, HALE-RAY 188
Medalist: Luke Stennett, Portland, 36at Tallwood CC, Hebron.
SCC
HAND 159, NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 169
Medalists: Reece Scott and Dave Ginsburg, Hand and Carter Slowik, Notre Dame-West Haven, 39at Madison CC.

GIRLS GOLF

CCC-Inter
WETHERSFIELD 169, NEWINGTON 195
Medalist: Sophia Nower, Wethersfield, 40at Goodwin Park GC, Hartford.
Others
BERLIN 176, CHESHIRE 194
Medalist: Kenna Roman, Berlin, 36at Southington CC.

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-South
BERLIN 6, LEWIS MILLS 1
CCC-West
SIMSBURY 4, CONARD 3
Others
AVON 7, ELLINGTON 0

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-West
FARMINGTON 7, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 0
CCC-Inter
MANCHESTER 4, PLAINVILLE 3
NCCC
BOLTON 4, CANTON 3
Shoreline
OLD LYME 7, PORTLAND 0
SCC
MERCY 5, WEST HAVEN 2
Others
AVON 5, ELLINGTON 2

FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-South
BRISTOL CENTRAL 4, BERLIN 3
MALONEY 9, MIDDLETOWN 1
CCC-West
HALL 7, FARMINGTON 4
SOUTHINGTON 9, SIMSBURY 8
NCCC
SOMERS 13, CANTON 2 (5)
CRAL
INNOVATION 24, CAPITAL PREP 0
SCC
HAND 15, WILBUR CROSS 0
Others
ROCKVILLE 5, EAST HAMPTON 4
COVENTRY 15, PORTLAND 2

SOFTBALL

CCC-North
WETHERSFIELD 15, BLOOMFIELD 1 (5)
W 510-**63**—15-5-0
B 001-**00**—1-3-4
WP: Kyla Brogan. **LP:** Taraji Larmond. **HR: W**—Alyssa Pericello. Rec.: **W**—11-5; **B**—4-12.
CCC-South
BRISTOL CENTRAL 3, BERLIN 2
MALONEY 16, MIDDLETOWN 5
CCC-East
RHAM 8, MANCHESTER 5
M 000-005-**0**—5-4-3
R 170-000-**x**—8-7-1
WP: Hadley Marchand. **LP:** Amaya Carron. **HR: R**—Linnea Carlson. Rec.: **R**—13-2; **M**—7-9. **Note:** Marchand struck out 9and had 2doubles at the plate. Taylor Fitch was 2-for-3with 3RBI.
TOLLAND 8, EAST CATHOLIC 0
CCC-Inter
ROCKY HILL 14, PLATT 1 (5)
P 000-**10**—1-5-5
RH 284-**0x**—14-14-1
WP: Shauna Kehoe. **LP:** Mia Gostkowski. **HR: RH**—Christina DeNovellis. Rec.: **RH**—10-5; **P**—5-12. **Note:** DeNovellis was 4-for-4with 3RBI.
Shoreline
CROMWELL 7, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 0
HK 000-000-**0**—0-0-1
C 002-500-**x**—7-11-0
WP: Lily Kenney. **LP:** Brooke Hickman. Rec.: **C**—15-2; **HK**—15-2. **Note:** Kenney tossed a perfect game with 12strikeouts. She also had 2hits, 3RBI at the plate.
CTC
NORWICH TECH 23, WINDHAM TECH 12
CRAL
PARISH HILL 11, CIVIC LEADERSHIP/AEROSPACE 9
CLA 101-322-**0**—9-8-2
PH 103-340-11-2-3
WP: Kristie Zator. **LP:** Jenna Tinker. Rec.: **PH**—9-4; **CLA**—14-2.
NVL
ST. PAUL 1, TORRINGTON 0

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-South
WETHERSFIELD 12, BRISTOL CENTRAL 3
Others
RHAM 13, ST. BERNARD 1
Goals: R—Maddie Graves (3), Ciara Murray (2), Diana Zito, Lauren Feige, Maggie Walker, Hazel Landers, Kaylee Macca, Joelle Goralnik, Rachel Fournier, Halie Oman; **SB**—Liu Li. **Saves: R**—Love Lanzuella and Taryn Brysgel, 5; **SB**—Bella Pero and Cata Hannaford, 10. Rec.: **R**—4-9; **SB**—2-8.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-East
GLASTONBURY 3, ENFIELD 1 (19-25, 27-25, 25-16, 25-15)
G: Ryan Hoffman, 10kills, 8blocks, Eric Rose, 21kills, 2blocks; **E:** Drew Rancourt, 16digs, 15kills, Evan Murphy, 21assists, 10digs. Rec.: **G**—15-0; **E**—12-3.
CCC-Inter
FARMINGTON 3, NEW BRITAIN 0 (25-17, 25-20, 25-22)
F: Mark Chernyak, 13kills, 2blocks, Nick Humennyj, 7kills, 2aces; **NB:** Ryan Castillo, 20digs, Lexus Sanchez, 8kills. Rec.: **F**—12-5; **NB**—8-6.

BOYS GOLF

NCCC
CANTON 175, GRANBY 188
Medalist: Russell Brown, Granby, 37at Blue Fox Run, Avon.
Shoreline
OLD LYME 187, CROMWELL 188
Medalist: Jack Wise, Cromwell, 40at Black Hall Club, Old Lyme.
Others
TOLLAND 161, ROCKVILLE 187, WINDSOR LOCKS (NO TEAM SCORE)
Medalist: Max Baldwin, Tolland, 38at Twin Hills CC, Coventry.

GIRLS GOLF

Others
ST. PAUL 146, NEW BRITAIN 232
Medalist: Olivia Dahn, St. Paul, 31 at Westwood GC, Farmington. **Note:** Dahn's 31was a new St. Paul school record.

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-West
AVON 7, SOUTHINGTON 0
GLASTONBURY 4, HALL 3
Shoreline
WESTBROOK 6, CROMWELL 0
CTC
GRASSO TECH 4, WILCOX TECH 3
Others
WINDSOR LOCKS 7, BULKELEY/HMTCA 0

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-North
WETHERSFIELD 7, WINDSOR 0
CCC-West
GLASTONBURY 7, HALL 0
AVON 7, SOUTHINGTON 0
CCC-Inter
ROCKY HILL 5, EAST HARTFORD 2
NCCC
ROCKVILLE 4, BOLTON 3

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

CCC-**West:** Conard at Avon, 10a.m.
Shoreline: Portland at Old Saybrook, noon
SCC: Sheehan at Xavier, 2p.m.
ECC: Bacon Academy at Ledyard, 11 a.m.; Windham at Plainfield, noon
Others: Plainville at Somers, 11 a.m.; Whitney Tech at Westbrook, 11 a.m.; Morgan at East Lyme, 11a.m.; Haddam-Killingworth at Ellington, noon; Woodstock Academy at Valley Regional, 4p.m.; Cromwell at Xavier, 7p.m.

SOFTBALL

CCC-**South:** Middletown at Bristol Central, 11a.m.
Shoreline: Westbrook/Portland at Hale-Ray, 11a.m.; East Hampton at Valley Regional, 3p.m.
ECC: Plainfield at Windham, 11a.m.
Others: Pomperaug at Granby, 10:30 a.m.; Windsor at Waterford, 11a.m.; Rockville at E.O. Smith, 3:45p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-**Inter:** East Catholic at RHAM, 10 a.m.; Rocky Hill at E.O. Smith, 1p.m.; Lewis Mills at South Windsor, 3p.m.
SCC: Foran at Sheehan, 12:30p.m.
Others: Bacon Academy at Northwest Catholic, 10a.m.; Simsbury at Xavier, 10a.m.; Old Saybrook at Ledyard/Griswold, 10a.m.; Stonington at Old Lyme, 10:30a.m.; Guilford at Avon, 11 a.m.; Bristol co-op at Wolcott, 11a.m.; Glastonbury at New Fairfield, 11a.m.; Hamden at Berlin, noon; Farmington at NFA, 12:30p.m.; Hall at Waterford, 12:30 p.m.; Hand at Newtown, 3:30p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Others: Ledyard at Old Saybrook, 10a.m.; Canton at East Catholic, 11 a.m.; McMahon at Southington, noon; Morgan at Lauralton Hall, noon; Glastonbury at Newtown, noon; Trumbull at South Windsor, 2:30p.m.; St. Paul at Northwest Catholic, 2:30p.m.; Pomperaug at Simsbury, 5p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Others: South Windsor at Brookfield, 12:30p.m.
TRACK & FIELD
Others: Greater Hartford Invitational (East Hartford HS), 9a.m.; Stubb's Invitational (Prince Tech HS), 9a.m.

BOYS TENNIS

SCC: Lyman Hall at Notre Dame-West Haven, 10a.m.
Others: Wilcox Tech at East Haven, 10 a.m.; Waterford at Old Lyme, 10a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-**Inter:** Southington at New Britain, 1p.m.
Shoreline: Cromwell at North Branford (2), 9a.m.
SCC: West Haven at Sheehan, 10a.m.
Others: Old Lyme at Waterford, 9a.m.

REGIONAL DIGEST

UConn softball beats DePaul, advances to Big East championship

CHICAGO — The UConn women's softball team left nothing to chance on Friday in their second elimination game of the Big East tournament, jumping out to a six-run lead in the first inning and cruising into Saturday's championship with a 6-2 win over No. 4 seed and host DePaul at Chicago.

The top-seeded Huskies (38-17) advance to face No. 3 Villanova at noon. UConn must win and then defeat the Wildcats again at 2:30 p.m. to claim the tournament title and automatic NCAA bid.

The Huskies jumped out to their lead on RBI singles by Jana Sanden and Reese Guevarra, a sacrifice fly and three bases-loaded walks of Blue Demons starter and loser Erin Hocker, who lasted two-thirds of an inning and walked six batters in all.

Meghan O'Neil (13-7) earned the complete-game win, allowing two runs on five hits.

UConn baseball loses to Xavier

Four Xavier pitchers combined to scatter seven hits as the Musketeers defeated the UConn baseball team 7-2 in the opener of a three-game Big East Conference series at Elliot Ballpark. Andrew Walker delivered the big blow for Xavier with a three-run homer in the eighth. Luke Franzoni added a solo shot and Garrett Schultz had two hits and two RBI. Austin Peterson was the starter and loser for UConn (40-10, 14-2), which has now lost two straight. ... The UConn women's lacrosse team lost its first-round NCAA Tournament game 14-7 at James Madison at a regional site in Baltimore. Lia LaPrise led the Huskies with two goals and two assists and Susan Lafountain had two goals. UConn finishes its season at 13-5.

Yard Goats beat Binghamton again

Daniel Cope and Hunter Stovall each drove in three runs to lead the Hartford Yard Goats to a 10-4 win over the Binghamton Rumble Ponies in an Eastern League Northern Division game at Dunkin' Donuts Park. Hartford (18-13) has now won seven of its last nine, including three of four against Binghamton in the six-game series. Noah Gotsis started for the Yard Goats and went five innings allowing three runs. Three receivers, led by winner Jared Biddy shut the Rumble Ponies down the rest of the way, allowing a run on two hits.

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For roasted fish with leeks and olive salsa verde, a bright, bold briny sauce — built on Castelvetrano olives — works its magic on two normally mild ingredients.
CHRISTOPHER TESTANI/ THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

Leeks get a lift from tangy salsa verde

By Melissa Clark
The New York Times

I never appreciated leeks as a vegetable — as opposed to an aromatic — until I ate them with vinaigrette in Paris during my college year abroad.

At a tiny cafe that was halfway between my studio apartment near Porte Saint-Martin and my best friend's seventh-floor walk-up near the Seine, the two of us spent our evenings drinking carafes of red wine and working our way through the very classic menu: cheesy croque-madames, herby escargots, oeufs mayonnaise.

The leeks vinaigrette was the biggest surprise. The gentle leeks looked plain on the plate — pale, monochrome, unadorned by any herbs or garnishes — but they hit us right between the eyes. They were coated in a vinaigrette with so much spicy Dijon it made our sinuses burn; we couldn't get enough. So we added even more from the mustard pot on the table, then wiped up the oily slicks with torn bits of baguette. It gave us fortitude for the long walk home through the cold Paris night.

Leeks are cut into matchsticks so they cook quickly alongside white fish in this weeknight-friendly dinner.

Back in New York, I tried to make leeks vinaigrette with as much sharpness and vim, but it was hard to match the flavor. The mustard I could get didn't have the same piercing bite.

Instead, to mimic that play of pungent and mild, I began pairing silky leeks with other zippy condiments and sauces. Salsa verde, with its mix of citrus, minced herbs and plenty of raw garlic, was a perfect partner, balancing the sweetness of the leeks with a bracing tanginess. Leeks salsa verde became a staple in my kitchen, a lively alternative to leeks vinaigrette.

In this more substantial variation, the leeks and salsa verde are rounded out with quick-cooking fish fillets.

I particularly like the mellowness of white fillets like cod, halibut or hake here, as they can really soak up the complexity and brightness of the salsa verde. But salmon or tuna would also work, lending more richness to the mix.

To make this as weeknight friendly as possible, I roast the fish and leeks together in one pan. As they cook, the leeks closest to the fillets absorb their liquid, turning soft and plush while the ones near the edges of the pan get pleasingly brown and crisp in spots.

Topped with an olive-spiked salsa verde, it is a dish both mellow and robust, where those sweet, overwintered leeks of spring can really shine.

ROASTED FISH WITH LEEKS AND OLIVE SALSA VERDE

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 30 minutes

For the fish and leeks:
4 thick fillets white fish, such as cod or halibut (about 1 ½ pounds total)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
3 medium leeks, trimmed, white and light green parts halved lengthwise and rinsed well
Extra-virgin olive oil

For the olive salsa verde:
1 lemon
½ cup coarsely chopped pitted Castelvetrano olives
½ cup chopped cilantro leaves and tender stems
1 garlic clove, finely grated, minced or pushed through a garlic press
Large pinch of red pepper flakes, or to taste
Fine sea or table salt
⅓ cup extra-virgin olive oil

1. Heat oven to 425 degrees. Season fish all over with salt and pepper, and set aside while you prepare the leeks.
2. Cut the leeks into matchsticks: Place a leek half, flat-side down, on a cutting board and cut it in half crosswise. Then slice the pieces lengthwise into thin (¼-inch-thick) matchsticks. Repeat with remaining leeks.
3. Spread leeks out on a rimmed baking sheet. Lightly drizzle them with oil and a pinch of salt and pepper, and toss to coat. Push aside the leeks to create 4 spaces in the center of the sheet pan just large enough for the fish fillets, then place the fillets in those cleared spaces. (Avoid putting the fish on top of the leeks, which won't cook as well if they're covered.)
4. Drizzle fish with oil. Roast until fish is opaque and just cooked through but not yet flaky, about 10 to 15 minutes, depending on the thickness of fish. The leeks surrounding the fish will be soft and silky, while those at the edges of the pan may turn delightfully brown and crisp in spots. If the fish is done but you think the leeks need a little more time, transfer the fish to a serving platter, tent with foil to keep warm, and continue to cook the leeks for another few minutes.
5. While fish is in the oven, make the salsa verde: Using a fine rasp grater, grate ½ teaspoon lemon zest into a small bowl. Halve the lemon and squeeze in 1 tablespoon juice.
6. Stir in olives, cilantro, garlic, red pepper flakes and a pinch of salt. Slowly drizzle in oil, stirring to combine. Taste and add more salt, red pepper flakes or another squeeze of lemon, if needed.
7. Place fish on plates and surround with leeks. Top with olive salsa verde.

Pad see ew in Thai chef Pailin Chongchitnant's kitchen in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on March 9. **ALANA PATERSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

THE ART OF MAKING Thai noodles

Getting popular dishes just right in a home kitchen doesn't come easily

By Julia Moskin
The New York Times

In Thailand, pad thai and pad see ew are just two of countless popular noodle dishes. But at Thai restaurants elsewhere, they are canon.

"Those are the noodles that everyone who's been to Thailand wants to make," said Watcharee Limanon, who has moved between Bangkok and the United States since 1994, and built a small Thai culinary empire from her home in Yarmouth, Maine.

These dishes are especially popular, said Limanon, not only because they are widely available, extremely inexpensive and legendarily delicious. It is also because they have built-in "rot chaat dee" — the balance of tastes (hot, sour, salty, sweet and bitter), textures (crunchy and soft, chewy and crisp) and flavors (fishy and herbal, rich and light) that Thai cooks — and fans of Thai food — appreciate.

"You know how caramel cheese popcorn is a perfect food?" said Pailin Chongchitnant, a chef in Vancouver, British Columbia. "The sweet makes you crave salt, and the salt makes you crave sweet." In Thai, she said, "glom glom" is the term for that can't-stop-eating-it quality.

"That's what a really good pad see ew is like," she said.

Even for expert Thai cooks, getting these dishes just right in a home kitchen doesn't come easily. Noodle stir-fries are classic street food, cooked to order by vendors who can wield giant woks and dip into dozens of bowls of ingredients. But for those who live abroad, home cooking is often the only way to satisfy their cravings. (Thai restaurants outside Thailand, for many reasons, rarely cook food to Thai tastes.)

As a longtime seeker of perfect stir-fried noodles, I asked Limanon and other cooks how they adapt these dishes for their own kitchens, with local ingredients, appliances and challenges.

First off: A wok isn't always the right tool for the job.

The tiny Manhattan apartment that chef Hong Thaimee first moved into had a tiny stove without a single powerful burner. So she long ago started using her Dutch oven for stir-fries.

"Even if you can get a wok hot enough to sizzle, adding the ingredients cools it way down," she said. "What you need is a pan that holds onto heat," with a flat bottom that comes into direct contact with the flame. (Thai noodle vendors often use flat woks, for the same reason.)

Although finding "authentic" ingredients can be a challenge, insisting on authenticity is often counterproductive, said Chongchitnant, who posts detailed recipe videos on her popular YouTube channel, "Hot Thai Kitchen."

"People in Thailand are always playing around with the recipes anyway," she said.

Chongchitnant grew up in Hat Yai, near the southern border with Malaysia, where she ate pad see ew made with egg noodles instead of the standard rice ones; later, the family moved to Bangkok, where restaurants advertise their use of spaghetti and linguine. Although the original dish is made with beef — it is related to Chinese chow fun — she said that chicken and pork are just as popular in Thailand.

Watcharee Limanon, a cooking teacher, makes pad Thai in Yarmouth, Maine, on March 15. **DENNIS WELSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

In North America, if she can't find gai lan, Chinese broccoli, she uses broccolini (a hybrid of gai lan and broccoli), or cuts broccoli into long florets, because the crunch of the thick green stems is what the dish needs.

"People assume that a good substitute for an Asian ingredient is another Asian ingredient," she said, noting that bok choy and Napa cabbage are often suggested — unhelpfully, in her view — as good substitutes for gai lan. "That's not always true."

Similarly, she said, non-Thai cooks often assume that the best substitute for holy basil is Thai basil — but Italian basil is often a closer flavor match.

Limanon, who runs Thai cooking classes from her home, guided me through making pad thai (she uses a nonstick skillet).

Before the cooking even began, I learned something immeasurably useful: When using dried rice noodles for stir-fries, no matter what the package says, you should never boil them. To stay soft and springy, not mushy, they need to soak in hot water until about 70% of the way to being done.

Although pad thai is the national dish, it is a recent addition to culinary tradition.

Thailand has its own rich and ancient cuisine, but the technique of stir-frying noodles entered the repertoire from China. Pad see ew has been popular for generations, but retained an identity that was separate from traditional Thai cooking.

SHRIMP PAD THAI

Makes: 2 to 3 servings
Total time: 45 minutes

For the noodles:
8 ounces sen lek (dried ⅛-inch-wide flat rice noodles) or other pad thai noodles
¼ cup minced garlic
2 tablespoons minced shallot
¼ cup minced Thai sweet preserved radish (optional; see note)
10 to 12 peeled and deveined medium shrimp
8 ounces superfirm (pressed) tofu or drained extra-firm tofu, cut into bite-size cubes or rectangles (1 cup)
4 large eggs, lightly beaten
2 cups bean sprouts
1 small bunch garlic chives or scallion greens, cut into 1-inch lengths (½ cup)
3 tablespoons vegetable oil, plus more for cooking eggs
Chopped peanuts, chile powder and lime wedges, for serving

For the sauce:
⅓ cup fish sauce

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⅓ cup tamarind liquid or concentrate
⅓ cup coconut or other palm sugar or dark brown sugar

1. Prepare the noodles: Place dried noodles in a large bowl and cover with hot tap water. Let soak for 20 to 30 minutes while you prepare the remaining ingredients, allowing the water to cool, and stirring and separating the noodles occasionally with your hands. When ready, noodles will be white, limp and almost soft to the bite. (They will cook a little more later on.) Pour off all the water, fluff noodles with your hands, and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, make the sauce: Combine the fish sauce, tamarind and coconut palm sugar in a small saucepan. Bring to a simmer over medium heat, stirring often, just until sugar has dissolved, 3 to 4 minutes. Set aside to cool.
3. Line up the ingredients in the order they'll be cooked: Place the garlic, shallot, radish and shrimp in a bowl, then line up the tofu, noodles, sauce, eggs, bean sprouts and chives. When ready to cook, place 1 cup of hot tap water near the stove.
4. Heat 3 tablespoons of oil in a 14-inch wok, a heavy 12-inch skillet or a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat until shimmering. (If using a smaller pan, cook in 2 batches.) Add the contents of the garlic bowl and stir-fry over medium heat, adjusting the flame so the ingredients are sizzling but not popping or scorching, until the shrimp are nearly pink, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the tofu and stir-fry to heat through, about 2 minutes.
5. Add noodles and raise the heat as high as it goes, tossing and separating them with a wok turner, tongs or both. When noodles are sizzling, add about half the sauce and 1 tablespoon water, and stir-fry, tossing to coat and cook through.
6. Taste a noodle for doneness and seasoning. If needed, add more sauce and water, and keep cooking, turning often, until noodles are softened and savory.
7. Push noodles to one side of pan, add enough oil to lightly coat the other side, and add the eggs. Use the spatula to scramble the eggs, stirring and scraping until cooked through and just dry, 1 to 2 minutes, then stir them into the noodles.
8. Add the bean sprouts and chives, and stir to combine. Serve immediately, passing the peanuts, chile powder and lime wedges to adjust seasoning to taste.
Note: Thai sweet preserved radish, often sold already minced or shredded online and in Asian markets, delivers a tangy chewiness. For the taste you want in pad thai, be sure to buy the dry-packed Thai variety and not Chinese or other types of preserved radish.
— Recipe from Watcharee Limanon; adapted by Julia Moskin

PAD SEE EW

Makes: 2 to 3 servings
Total time: 1 hour

For the noodles:
8 ounces sen yai or other dried wide rice noodles
8 ounces beef, chicken or pork, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon soy sauce
4 garlic cloves, minced
6 gai lan (Chinese broccoli) or broccolini, thick stems trimmed off, or steamed broccoli, cut into 2-inch-long pieces with stems attached
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 tablespoon sugar, plus more to taste
2 tablespoons vegetable oil, plus more for cooking eggs
Thai black soy sauce or Chinese dark soy sauce, to taste

For the sauce:
2 tablespoons oyster sauce
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon fish sauce
½ teaspoon ground white pepper

1. Prepare the noodles: Place dried noodles in a large bowl and cover with hot tap water. Let soak while you prepare the remaining ingredients, allowing the water to cool, and stirring and separating the noodles occasionally with your hands. (This will take 30 to 40 minutes, depending on the brand.) When ready, noodles will be white, limp and bouncy, almost soft to the bite. (They will cook a little more later.) Pour off and discard all the water, fluff noodles with your hands and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, mix the meat with the soy sauce and let stand at room temperature.
3. Prepare the sauce: In a bowl, whisk the oyster sauce, soy sauce, fish sauce and white pepper to combine.
4. Place the remaining noodle ingredients in bowls and line them up in the order they'll be added to the pan: garlic, gai lan, eggs, noodles and sugar, then the sauce. When ready to cook, put 1 cup of hot tap water near the stove, and drain and discard any liquid in the bowl with the meat.
5. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in 14-inch wok or a heavy 12-inch skillet or a large Dutch oven over high heat until just starting to smoke. (If using a smaller pan, cook in 2 batches.) Add the meat to the hot pan in a single layer. Let cook, undisturbed, until well browned, about 1 minute, then stir-fry until just cooked through, about 1 minute more, pressing it against the pan to sear. Remove from the pan and set aside.
6. Wipe out the pan and heat remaining 2 tablespoons oil over medium until shimmering. Stir in the garlic, then immediately add the greens and stir-fry just until bright and beginning to wilt, 30 to 45 seconds.
7. Push greens to one side of pan, add just enough oil to lightly coat the other side and add eggs. Use spatula to scramble eggs, stirring and scraping until cooked through and just dry, about 1 minute.
8. Raise the heat to high. Add the noodles, spreading them around the pan, then tossing and separating them with a wok turner, tongs or both. When noodles are sizzling, add the sugar and 3 tablespoons sauce, and toss to coat and cook through. Keep cooking, leaving noodles undisturbed for 20 to 30 seconds at a time, so they sear and caramelize.
9. Add the meat back to the pan, along with any liquids in the dish, and toss everything together.
10. Add a few dashes of black soy sauce, and taste for doneness and seasoning. Keep cooking, adding more sugar, black soy sauce or pad see ew sauce a little at a time, until dish is very savory and a little sweet. Add hot water, 1 tablespoon at a time, if noodles are not quite soft.
11. When the noodles have absorbed all the liquid and the flavors are balanced, serve immediately.
— Recipe from Pailin Chongchitnant; adapted by Julia Moskin

With Corsican reds, a case study of identity

By Eric Asimov
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Wine assessment is often depicted as dispassionate evaluation in which wines are judged solely on their sensory characteristics, free of bias or commercial involvement.

This is crucial in the professional sphere: In a single sitting, scores of bottles are assessed and scored, affecting the livelihoods of many people in the wine trade and the trust of consumers everywhere.

But wine analysis is not a science. Two bottles of the same wine can seem quite different depending on the context in which they are tasted or consumed. Assuming they are wines that have not been processed to achieve the sort of stability found in soft drinks on grocery shelves, different bottles can vary in surprising ways.

This partly depends on the atmosphere, temperature, time of day, company and accompanying foods. But it's also contingent on the emotions we bring to a wine.

I am emotionally attached to Corsican wines. Perhaps that comes from having visited this beautiful, rugged island — adjacent to Italy yet part of France — where I met so many fascinating, proud wine producers. I sensed firsthand the cultural and emotional struggles that come from trying to reconcile the feeling of being both Corsican and French, separate yet one.

When I drink good Corsican wines, these feelings come flooding back. This beautiful capacity of wine to express a sense of place and culture is unmatched. I don't have remotely the same feeling when drinking a bottle of Corsican mineral water, as good as it can be.

Wine producers capitalize on creating these sorts of connections. Wine tourism pays off not simply by selling a few bottles to visitors, but by drawing them into a winery's cultural orbit, creating longtime fans and repeat customers.

Sometimes, wine companies play on these emotional ties purely for their own benefit. But when this link is forged with a place rather than a commercial entity, it can profoundly enhance one's understanding of a wine.

This is not to say that understanding Corsican reds, which we have been examining over the last month, requires a trip to Corsica. Of course not. But such a trip helps to understand why these wines can seem so singular and distinctive.

I suggested three wines for our exploration. They were: Domaine Maestracci Corse Calvi Clos Reginu 2019, Domaine Pinelli, Vin de France 2020 and Domaine Comte Abbatucci Vin de France Cuvée Faustine 2020. All farm organically or biodynamically.

You may have noticed that only one of these wines has a specific appellation. Maestracci's Clos Reginu is labeled Corse Calvi — Corse is Corsica in French and Calvi is a subzone around the city of Calvi in the northwest of the island.

The other two are both labeled Vin de France, which in theory indicates a lowly table wine not worthy of a more specific appellation. But increasingly over the last few decades, Vin de France often indicates dedicated producers who, whether frustrated with the bureaucracy or because they make a style of wine that does not conform to the mainstream, have chosen to go their own way.

I don't know their rationales for using Vin de France, but both Pinelli and Comte Abbatucci fall into this category. Pinelli is a new producer working in the Patrimonio area in the north, while Abbatucci is one of Corsica's greatest producers, situated near Ajaccio in the west.

Each of these wines is made with Corsica's two leading red grapes, niellucciu and sciaccarellu, which are genetically identical to sangiovese and mammolo, a Tuscan blending grape that rarely steps out on its own.

Many older Corsican vineyards also contain familiar southern French grapes like grenache, syrah, cinsault and carignan, mostly planted in the 1950s and '60s by French expats in northern Africa who settled in Corsica after French colonial rule ended.

The Maestracci, for example, is 35% niellucciu, along with 30% grenache, 15% each sciaccarellu and syrah, and 5% mourvèdre, blended into a seamless whole.

If I try hard, I can detect individual elements, like the savory thrust of syrah, but honestly it's thoroughly distinctive, fresh and lively with lingering flavors of sweet, tart fruit. It's not sweet and bitter as I might find in an Italian red, but different: tart, maybe, but not at all heavy, and sturdy enough to stand up to a thick steak that I cooked using the reverse-sear method.

It was a delicious wine, though one reader, Peter of Philadelphia, found "an overwhelming odor of barnyard." I found nothing like it in two separate bottles, nor was it reported by other readers. Dan Barron of New York called a 2018 Clos Reginu "a wine of mountains and sea, brush and rock, of France and Italy and somewhere else entirely." I can only guess that Peter had a flawed bottle. It happens, though it's infuriating when it does.

The Pinelli was a combination of sciaccarellu, niellucciu and grenache, though the proportions were not available. Does that matter? I don't think so. This, too, was a smooth, coherent blend, a little more intense and forceful than the Maestracci — 14% alcohol as against Maestracci's 13%. It was earthy, spicy, pale ruby in color — VSB of San Francisco called it "the palest red wine ever in my experience" — yet structured with tannins that felt slightly dry in the mouth.

I very much enjoyed this wine, too. It was the first time I've had a wine from this producer, Marie-Charlotte Pinelli. I'm looking forward to trying more of her wines in the future.

The Abbatucci, 70% sciaccarellu and 30% niellucciu, was juicier, richer and more intense, at 14.5% alcohol, than the other two while still refreshing. It was almost silken, smooth as the floral and fruit flavors lingered. It left a fine, gravelly, mineral and tannic impression in the wake.

Three wines, each different yet all very much of a piece. I'm enthralled, not only by the deliciousness of the wines, but why they strike me as distinctive.

A mammolo wine in Tuscany tastes nothing like the Abbatucci. Admittedly, I've had very few. Mammolo is not often made into a varietal wine there. Still, nobody in Tuscany likens it to pinot noir, as Sébastien Poly of Domaine U Stiliccionu, a fine Corsican producer who makes varietal sciaccarellu wines, once did with me.

How can this be? Does growing the grape in the specific soils and climates of Corsica enhance its potential? Or maybe, because it's a major grape in Corsica rather than a minor addition, the growers lavish it with care in a manner seldom seen in Tuscany. Could the Corsicans have better clones of the grape? Is it culture? Or a combination of all these things?

Pondering these questions is one of the joys that comes with drinking the wines.

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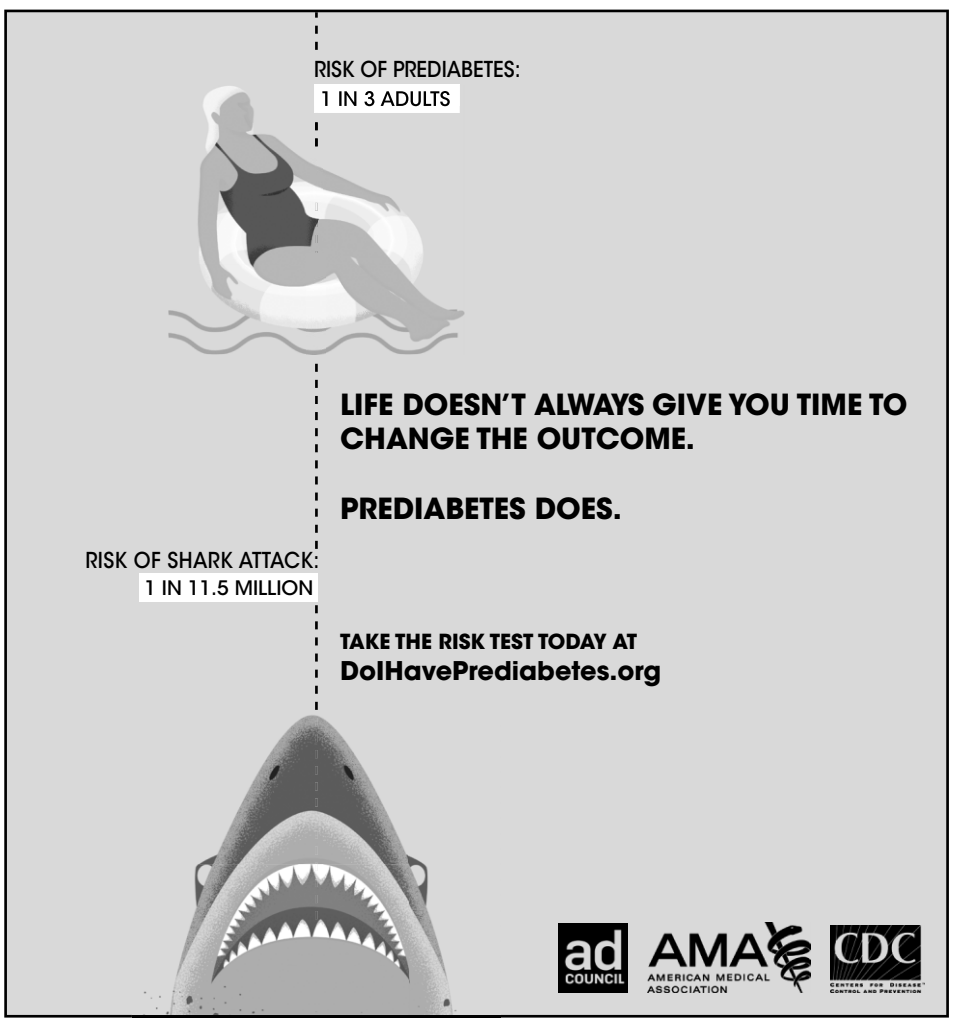

It's easy to customize pancake mix. JEANMARIE BROWNSON/TNS

Turn basic pancake mix into a breakfast feast

By Jeanmarie Brownson
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We happily tote family-size bags of pancake mix to the fishing cabin and on weekend getaways. These "just add water" mixes prove easy when cooking for a crowd.

Always looking for ways to make meals interesting, I've taken to swapping out other liquids for the water in these mixes.

Unsweetened oat or almond milk adds subtle flavor and lightens the texture. Pumpkin or sweet potato puree, ricotta or cottage cheese, chopped fresh or frozen fruit — they all transform basic pancake mix into a festive breakfast.

I'm using unsweetened coconut milk in place of some of the water called for in a "complete" buttermilk pancake mix. Fresh or frozen diced mango gets gently folded into the batter. Blueberries work here, too.

It's so easy, even young kids can turn out fluffy pancakes with just a little help at the stove.

Serve the pancakes with maple syrup. Or for a simple, less sweet topping, simmer diced mango with a bit of honey and nutmeg. A dollop of coconut yogurt makes the stack extra luxurious.

Sunny Sunday morning fare indeed.

COCONUT MANGO PANCAKES WITH MANGO-HONEY TOPPING

Makes: 24 4-inch pancakes, serving 4 to 6
1 ½ cups diced fresh or frozen ripe mango
1 can (15 ounces) sliced mango in light syrup or diced peaches in light syrup
2 tablespoons honey
Grated rind of 1 small orange or tangerine
2 large pinches fresh nutmeg
For the pancakes:
1 can (13.6 ounces) lite coconut milk
1 ripe banana, peeled, mashed
1 ⅓ cups water
4 cups complete buttermilk pancake mix
2 cups fresh or frozen (thawed) diced ripe mango
Vegetable oil for high-heat cooking, such as expeller pressed canola, safflower or sunflower oil
Butter, softened
Coconut milk yogurt or plain Greek yogurt, for serving
1. For the mango-honey topping, combine all ingredients in small saucepan. Heat to simmer and cook, stirring often, for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and keep warm. (Or refrigerate up to 3 days and reheat before serving.)
2. For the pancakes, mix coconut milk and mashed banana in a large bowl. Stir in 1 ⅓ cups water. Add pancake mix. Use a large spoon or rubber spatula to gently stir mixture just until the mix is moistened. Gently stir in 2 cups mango pieces. Add a few more tablespoons of water, if needed, to make a thick but pourable batter.
3. Heat 1 or 2 large nonstick skillet(s) or a nonstick griddle over medium heat until a drop of the water bubbles furiously. Lightly oil and butter the cooking surface. Then spoon out about ¼ cup of batter per pancake. Spread the batter with the back of the spoon so it is thinned out into a 4-inch round. Cook until a few bubbles break on top and the bottom is golden, about 2 minutes. Gently flip pancake over and cook until second side is golden, 1 to 2 minutes more. Keep oiling the cooking surface and adjusting the heat as you go along, so pancakes are golden and not overly browned.
4. Transfer cooked pancakes to serving plates. Serve them topped with warm mango-honey topping and a dollop of yogurt.

For a variation, use lime juice instead of lemon juice. PETER ARDITO/EATINGWELL

Serve this sweet treat for your weekend brunch

EatingWell

Lemon squares are so delicious, but classic lemon square recipes tip the scales with their calories and saturated fat. Our healthy recipe shaves almost 200 calories and more than 5 grams of saturated fat per lemon square. For a variation, use lime juice in place of the lemon juice.

LEMON SQUARES

Makes: 9 servings
Active time: 25 minutes
Total time: 2 ¾ hours
For the crust:
1 cup white whole-wheat flour or all-purpose flour
⅓ cup confectioners' sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
¼ teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons canola oil
2 tablespoons butter, softened
For the filling:
½ cup granulated sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
¼ teaspoon baking powder
⅛ teaspoon salt
2 large eggs
⅔ cup water
⅓ cup lemon juice
Lemon zest, for garnish
Confectioners' sugar, for garnish
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line an 8-inch square baking pan with foil and generously coat it with cooking spray.
2. To prepare crust: Combine flour, confectioners' sugar, 3 tablespoons cornstarch and ¼ teaspoon salt in a medium bowl. Add oil and butter; using your fingertips, blend into the flour mixture until evenly combined. The mixture will be a little crumbly. Firmly press the dough into the prepared pan. Bake the crust until just barely beginning to brown around the edges, 15 to 20 minutes.
3. To prepare filling: Whisk granulated sugar, cornstarch, baking powder and ⅛ teaspoon salt in a medium bowl until well combined. Whisk in eggs. Stir in water and lemon juice. Pour the filling over the crust.
4. Bake until just set, 18 to 20 minutes. (The center should still be a little jiggly — it will firm up as it cools.)
5. Let cool to room temperature in the pan on a wire rack, about 1 ½ hours. Gently lift out of the pan all in one piece using the edges of the foil. Cut into 9 squares. Garnish with lemon zest and dust with confectioners' sugar, if desired, just before serving.
Recipe nutrition per serving: 207 calories, total fat: 8 g, saturated fat: 2 g, cholesterol: 48 mg, carbohydrates: 31 g, fiber: 1 g, added sugars: 16 g, protein: 3 g, sodium: 128 mg, potassium: 44 mg, folate: 7 mcg, calcium: 16 mg

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

A delicious dessert with clean lemon flavor for any celebration

By Diane Rossen Worthington
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Use lemon extract in the cake and fresh lemon juice for the glaze for a burst of lemon flavor. DREAMSTIME

I have tried at least 10 different lemon cakes in search of one that would satisfy my personal preference for a clean lemon flavor, a fine crumb, moist texture and ease of preparation. And luckily for me, everyone seems to love this cake! Every year I make this for my daughter's birthday.

Most recipes called for lemon juice in the cake, which seems to cause textural problems. I finally experimented with lemon extract in the cake and fresh lemon juice for the glaze with an outstanding result, bursting with flavor.

I've made a few adjustments over the years. Now, I add the raspberries right into the batter, resulting in the raspberry bursts of color inside the cake. I also sprinkle the well-greased pan with sanding sugar to produce a sparkly, slightly crispy texture to the top of the cake. I'm not into heavy buttercreams, so this glaze is my preference.

Lightweight Bundt pans bake at a more even temperature, so invest in one if you're doing a lot of baking. A heavyweight pan may bake faster so watch the cake toward the end of baking.

Serve with more seasonal berries and a dollop of whipped cream, or a scoop of French vanilla ice cream. You might also try serving this for afternoon tea or even for breakfast. It may just become your favorite cake.

GLAZED LEMON-RASPBERRY SOUR CREAM CAKE

Makes: 8 to 10 servings
For the cake:
1 ¾ cups, plus 2 tablespoons, all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup unsalted butter at room temperature
1 cup sugar
3 large eggs at room temperature
1 tablespoon minced lemon zest
2 teaspoons lemon extract
1 cup sour cream
1 pint fresh raspberries
For the glaze:
1 ½ cups powdered sugar
½ cup strained fresh lemon juice
2 teaspoons finely chopped lemon zest
To serve:
Fresh raspberries
Whipped cream or vanilla ice cream
1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9-inch lightweight Bundt pan. Sift 1 ¾ cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking soda and 1 teaspoon baking powder together in a medium mixing bowl. Set aside.
2. In a medium bowl with an electric mixer on medium speed or in a food processor fitted with the metal blade, beat the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy, about 4 minutes. Beat in the eggs, zest and lemon extract and mix for 2 more minutes.
3. Reduce the mixer to the lowest speed, add half the flour mixture, and mix until well combined. Add half the sour cream, mixing constantly, and then add the rest of the flour and sour cream, ending with the sour cream.
4. Combine the raspberries in a small bowl and sprinkle over the 2 tablespoons flour; coat the berries with the flour. Fold the berries evenly into the batter, making sure not to break up the berries.
5. Pour the mixture into the prepared Bundt pan and bake for about 35 to 40 minutes or until a cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then invert onto a cake rack. Make the glaze.
6. Using a wire strainer, sift the powdered sugar into a small nonaluminum bowl. Add the juice and lemon zest and whisk to break up any lumps.
7. Place the cake on a parchment paper-lined rimmed baking sheet. Using a long skewer, poke holes in the cake almost going through the bottom at 1-inch intervals. Slowly pour the glaze over the cake, making sure the glaze is absorbed as you pour. Let the cake come to room temperature.
8. To serve, slice the cake and accompany with raspberries and whipped cream or ice cream.